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OIL RIG SET-UP IS NOT SLICK MOVE

Greens fear plan to drill at village will blight beauty spot

ECO-campaigners have criticised a decision to allow an energy company to drill for oil near a village and country park.

By JON COATES

Kent County Council has approved plans for Midmar Energy UK to set up a drilling rig in Bidborough later this year.

The oil exploration company will drill two appraisal wells by the end of the year and carry out a 90-day extended test at the start of 2011.

If they strike 'black gold', the company will look to make the drilling rig permanent.

But Kent Green Party has criticised the plans as being "unsuitable" for the area and "totally unnecessary".

The site chosen is near Judd's Wood – an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – and on the doorstep of the village of Bidborough, between Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

If the drilling goes ahead there will be a dramatic increase in the number of tanker trucks driving through the village and using narrow country lanes to get to the site.

Dr Hazel Dawe, the chair of Kent Green Party, said she was "horrified" by KCC giving planning permission for the oil

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Piers, our man in space

Picture: NASA

FORMER Cranbrook School pupil Piers Sellers is this weekend floating in space as he prepares to re-enter the Earth's atmosphere after his latest space shuttle mission. The astronaut is due back on Wednesday after a 12-day mission which took the shuttle Atlantis to the International Space Station. FULL STORY AND PICTURES – SEE INSIDE

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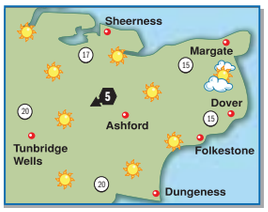

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Most places will see early mist and low cloud soon clearing to leave a dry day with predominantly blue skies and lots of sunshine. However, fog patches may linger in some coastal areas. Gentle north-easterly winds. Very warm inland but a little cooler along the coast. Max temp 18-21C (64-70F).

Sun & Moon

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Moonrise	2.27pm	Moonset	2.02am	8.51pm to 4.52am

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Margate	07.36 4.2	19.49 4.2	08.45 4.2	21.05 4.3
St Mary's	– –	12.34 4.6	01.03 4.8	13.43 4.7

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Belfast	fair	23	73	Glasgow	fair	20	68	Norwich	fair	21	70
B'ham	fair	26	79	Isle of Man	fair	17	63	Oxford	sun	24	75
B'mouth	fair	22	72	Leeds	fair	24	75	Southsea	sun	21	70
Bristol	sun	17	63	London	sun	23	73	S'hampton	fair	22	72
Cardiff	sun	24	75	Liverpool	fair	22	72	Southport	fair	20	68
Cork	fair	19	66	Manchester	fair	25	77	Swansea	sun	21	70

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Man critical after flash fire at college site

By **JON COATES**
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AN ELECTRICIAN working at a new multi-million pound college campus was severely burned and left fighting for his life in hospital after a flash fire.

The contractor, who has not been named, was pulled to safety by a colleague, who also suffered burns in doing so.

They had both been working on the electrical supply of the new campus of West Kent College in Brook Street, Tonbridge, last Saturday.

The seriously injured man was flown by Kent Air Ambulance in a "criticial" condition to a specialist burns unit at a hospital in Chelmsford, Essex.

The second man, who saved him from the fire, was treated for burns at the Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells, but has been released to recover at home.

The campus building was not damaged by the fire, but college bosses were forced to close it on Monday to allow the Health and Safety Executive to start an investigation into the cause of the blaze.

More than 4,000 staff and students were contacted by text to warn them that the campus was closed for the day.

But after the HSE were finished at the scene and electricity was restored to the new building on Monday evening, the campus was reopened to students on Tuesday morning.

The college's North Farm site in Tunbridge Wells and Lyons House site in Tonbridge remained open for students and staff on Monday and exams took place as planned at Lyons House.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service had been called to the campus at 12.18pm on Saturday after its fire alarms went off.

Incident

A member of the 24-hour security team on duty cleared around 20 people who were working on the site within seven minutes and a doctor was on site with the fire service almost immediately.

Galliford Try, which is the contractor building the college's new campus, confirmed that two electricians working for its mechanical and electrical sub contractors, N G Bailey, were injured in the fire.

A spokesman for NG Bailey said: "Our thoughts are with our site operator and his family at this difficult time.

"NG Bailey is co-operating fully with the HSE as they investigate the cause of the incident and will release more information as we are able to."

Many students and staff at the college have left goodwill messages of support to both of the injured electricians on college social networking sites.

Switch on to TV licence refunds

STUDENTS struggling with mounting debts at the end of the academic year have been reminded that they can claim refunds for their TV licence.

With many returning to their family homes for the summer from halls of residence or shared flats and houses, they will no longer need their term-time licences.

This will apply to West Kent College students at the campuses at Brook Street in Tonbridge and at North Farm in Tunbridge Wells, as well as students returning home to this region from universities or colleges nationwide.

The TV Licensing authority has stressed that if there is three full calendar months before the licence expires, then the holder is entitled to a refund for the unused quarter.

A licence bought in October last year for £142.50 would get a refund of £35.62.

Abigail Forbes, a spokeswoman for TV Licensing, said: "Many students now leave university with high debts. Therefore, every little helps, including a refund on your TV licence.

"As long as you purchased your licence in October 2009 and you don't need it for July, August and September this year, you could be eligible for some cash back."

To arrange a refund complete a form at www.tvlicensing.co.uk/studentinfo or call 0300 790 6090.

Greens call for other fuels to be pursued first

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company to construct the temporary drilling site.

She said: "I think Kent Highways has not looked at the road situation properly. Hazedene Lane is a narrow country road, with a cycle lane at one point, which is not suitable for tanker trucks.

"There will be a lot of big lorries driving up and down this road, which I fear will put pedestrians in danger and cause accidents.

"I also fear this will stop people using Judd's Wood. We get a lot of people coming from Sevenoaks and Bromley to use the country park, but they will not want to if the area is ruined."

Dr Dawe, who lives in Tonbridge, but was the Green candidate for Tunbridge Wells at the recent General Election, added: "There is a lovely landscape and an oil drilling site will change this forever. I do not think this company should be allowed to set up an oil rig near a beauty spot.

"Do we really need to prospect for oil in the south east, the most densely populated part of the country where we already have very little countryside left? When it comes to oil there are alternatives that we should be pursuing instead, such as biomass.

"I just hope this company will take every precaution to avoid leaks. Whatever happens it will leave a mess in the area, but we do not want an environmental hazard."

Borough councillors representing the area have also expressed concerns about the volume of traffic that will be using the country roads to the site.

The firm behind the digging, however, is looking to assure those concerned.

Dr Thomas Redman, managing director of Midmar, said: "A comprehensive investigation was carried out by our company and independent consultants during the preparation for the planning application for a temporary site to ensure that all statutory requirements were met or exceeded and so that concerns were properly addressed.

"The proposed routing is suitable for the intended vehicles as reported by Kent Highways and evidenced by the current road usage, with the final 300 metres to our site undergoing traffic control measures for the short periods of company usage.

"It should be noted that an exploratory well was drilled in the neighbouring field in 1981, and there is no evidence of this. The land is currently being successfully farmed, thus illustrating the care taken to ensure there are no adverse impacts.

"One of the objectives of the appraisal work is to estimate the potential quantities of hydrocarbons that may be found.

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Cameron's ready to trump them all

A SCHOOLBOY will bid to become Britain's best Top Trumper at the finals of a national contest next weekend, ***writes Jon Coates***.

Cameron Vice, 10, will try to outsmart rivals from primary schools across the country at the big showdown at the Science Musuem in London on Saturday, May 29.

The pupil from Stansted Church of England Primary School in Stansted, near Sevenoaks, will take on 71 area winners, aged seven to 11, in a special version of the cult card game.

If he triumphs in the inaugural 2010 Top Trumps Tournament Knockout he will win an all-expenses paid day out at the museum for his classmates.

Cameron, who is known as CJ by his friends, said: "It is great to be in the final and would be an honour to win."

All of the finalists have been invited to attend dressed as their favourite Top Trumps hero or character, whether superhero Spiderman or footballer Wayne Rooney.

The knockout event uses a special tournament version of the card game loved by generations of schoolchildren, which will be on sale nationwide. This version uses six Top Trump packs combined including Pop Stars, Sporting Heroes and a Wow pack based on 30 sights from around the world.

Players try to trump each other by comparing numbers and data on the cards, with the highest number taking both cards until the winner takes them all.

Cameron, who has not yet decided which character to dress as, qualified for the event by playing 81 games against his schoolmates and then local challengers online.

His headteacher Lyn Matthews said: "We are very pleased for CJ and proud of what he has achieved."

James Rankin, head of special projects at London-based Winning Moves UK, which makes the Top Trump games, said: "We congratulate Cameron on reaching the finals. It promises to be a great day and certainly a very colourful one."

He added that schools have already showed interest in next year's event, saying: "We invite every school to enter next year so we can have an even bigger and better Top Trumps Tournament in 2011."

• ***To enter your school visit www.toptrumpstournament.com/2011.***

Riding to victory

A SCHOOLGIRL from Langton Green has landed a top national pony title.

Liberty Marden, 14, was crowned Grand Reserve Champion at the Pony Club National Finals in Newbury on her pony Jimmy Choo.

She impressed with her jumping and freestyle skills.

The Beechwood Sacred Heart School pupil said: "I was nervous at first. I trained so hard for this, and I was afraid I might forget something in a big competition, but it all went well."

Coached by Michelle Burnett from Fordcombe, she practices five times a week and also competes with the Eridge Hunt branch of the Pony Club. Her next big competition is the Heathfield Show on May 29.

Soldiers march

TROOPS will march through Tunbridge Wells town centre with swords drawn, drums beating, band playing, bayonets fixed and colours flying next month.

The 579 Field Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal (Volunteers) will exercise the right to do just that at noon on Sunday, June 27.

It comes after the squadron was given the freedom of the borough back in 2008. Townsfolk are urged to come and cheer them on.

Colin and his dog

COLIN Gordon, star of the BBC's One Man and His Dog, will be putting his sheepdogs through their paces at a special event at Groombridge Place next weekend.

Taking place on Sunday and the Bank Holiday Monday, he will be performing during the Scarecrows, Shires and Sheepdogs event.

There will also be scarecrow making demonstrations and workshops.

■ SEVENOAKS has elected its town mayor for the coming year.

Cllr Simon Raikes was elected into the role during the annual meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council on Monday. Cllr John London was duly elected deputy town mayor.

Runner-up spot for teen violinist

A GIFTED violinist from Tunbridge Wells has narrowly missed out on the coveted title of BBC Young Musician 2010.

Callum Smart, 14, thrilled judges at the live final of the prestigious competition, but lost out on first place to pianist Lara Ömeroglu.

"I was really happy with how I performed," he said. "It went according to plan. I was disappointed I didn't win, but I was happy to get that far."

Following months of regional heats, 25 young musicians made it to the five category finals and from those winners only three were selected to perform a concerto of their choice with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, which was broadcast on BBC2 and Radio 3 last Sunday.

Callum, who impressed the audience at the Millennium Centre in Cardiff with his performance of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, did not walk away empty handed and received £1,000 prize money.

Amidst all the excitement of the last week, he admitted he had not yet had time to think what he would spend the money on.

"I was a little nervous," he said. "But I felt comfortable as soon as I was playing because I was well prepared. I think the other finalists' performances were very good."

Callum also came fifth earlier this year in the junior section of the Menuhin Violin Competition, the leading international contest for young violinists, on April 23 in Oslo. He was one of only 20 violinists from around the world to be selected.

Taking part in both competitions will boost any future career he chooses. Many winners and finalists of the BBC competition, which was first broadcast in 1978, have gone on to enjoy major international careers including Barry Douglas, Michael Collins, Tasmin Little, Freddy Kempf and Natalie Clein.

Callum spends most of term time at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester, the largest specialist music school in England, returning home for the holidays.

He has spoken about his passion for chamber music and is a member of a piano trio and string quartet. Callum said he has loved studying and playing the violin from the age of six and has performed in recitals and as a concerto soloist.

But he said he liked "all sorts of music" not just classical and – like most teenage boys – he enjoys sports, playing football, basketball and tennis.

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Team grows our interest in memorial garden fund

A GROUP has been formed to raise funds to improve Tonbridge Memorial Gardens.

The gardens off Bradford Street provide a quiet place for people to contemplate the sacrifice of members of our Armed Forces, and are also used for Remembrance Sunday services every November.

But community leaders feel the environment needs to be enhanced to allow their continued use.

Visitors to the gardens now walk down steps to a well area where the Remembrance Sunday service is held. They then have to walk up more steps to lay wreaths. This has become a problem for the ageing war veterans, particularly as the November service is held when there is often rain and leaves on the ground. A lot of the trees in the gardens are in poor health and there is cracked stonework.

So the Tonbridge branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) has been working with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council on plans to re-landscape the area and put in CCTV to make it more secure.

An open forum attended by local organisations decided to form an appeal committee to raise the funds for the improvements.

About £100,000 will be needed for the work, which organisers hope will begin at the start of next year so the finished memorial gardens are ready for Remembrance Sunday in November 2011.

The borough council has agreed to fund a quarter of the cost and the appeals committee will be approaching the War Memorial Trust and Kent Lord Lieutenancy for grants. However, the deficit will have to be funded by the generosity of the public.

Rachel Lucas, the secretary of the Tonbridge branch of the RBL, said: "We do not want to scrimp on this as we want it to be built to last for generations."

The public will be consulted about the proposals when they are finalised.

Donations are in fashion for hospice

BBC South East weather girl Kaddy Lee Preston was among the guests at a fashion show in Tunbridge Wells that raised more than £1,000 for Demelza Hospice Care for Children.

SUPPORTER: Kaddy Lee Preston

The presenter joined about 200 people for the show put on by clothing store Love is Boutique at the Hyundai showroom in Tunbridge Wells on May 13.

Community fundraiser Karen Warner said: "It was fantastic to see so many people there."

Demelza cares for terminally ill children from across Kent and East Sussex at its hospice near Sittingbourne.

People power is in his hands

Our MP also heads department responsible for decisions on controversial freight depots

By JENNA PUDELEK
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GREG Clark might have moved in to what was John Prescott's office, but in his role as Minister for Decentralisation his aims will be very different to those of the former Labour stalwart.

After less than a week in the job, the MP for Tunbridge Wells spoke about what he hopes to achieve in his new role at the Department for Communities and Local Government and how it fits in to David Cameron's 'Big Society' agenda.

"It is an area that I've been interested in for as long as I've been interested in politics – how we can take power away from central government and increase the power that local people have," he said.

"That has always motivated me."

The new position has been dubbed 'minister for people power', but how will the former shadow secretary of state for energy and climate change begin shifting the power balance?

"I think it is a big idea and it will take time to be pursued over years as a completely different approach to politics and policy," Mr Clark said.

"Instead of the role of government being to tell people what to do, it should be to help people do what they want to do."

He said it was an issue he had always campaigned on and spoke about his Private Members Bill that highlighted the problem of 'garden grabbing'.

"Local councils have no power to exercise discretion over garden land because it was decided that they are brown field sites and should be developed," he said.

Local knowledge

"This is something I can immediately start working on to remove that specification so that decisions are based on local knowledge."

He said he wanted to release councils from "bureaucracy and red tape" and allow them to decide how their budget should be spent locally.

The Conservatives are also against centrally imposed housing targets and regional quangos such as the South East of England Development Agency (Seeda).

Mr Clark's department will decide on whether the controversial Kent International Gateway, a 285-acre road and rail freight depot near Maidstone will get the go-ahead.

Another similar terminal covering 250 acres is planned near Borough Green and was a major campaign issue for Sir John Stanley, the Conservative MP for Tonbridge & Malling, during the last election.

Sir John is staunchly opposed to the proposals, which he said would also increase the amount of lorries travelling through Tunbridge Wells, Southborough and Pembury as well as impact on the villages surrounding the site, Ightham, Platt and Wrotham.

Mr Clark said: "It comes to my department for decision so because of that I cannot prejudice the decision, if I say what I personally think I'll be disqualified from the process.

"But it is clearly something that will come to the department for examination."

Sitting in his new Whitehall office in Eland House, he said his role was part of the big society drive, which he described as "one of the big themes of the coalition".

Community

The Government's plans include giving communities the power to stop post office or pub closures, training community organisers, encouraging volunteering and creating a Big Society Bank to fund social enterprises.

Mr Clark added: "At the end of five years I would like to have turned the tables.

"I want people to see that individual community groups and local councils have more and more power and discretion to act in a way local people want, rather than being told how to act.

"I hope this will lead to increased participation and people getting involved in their community knowing this is something that can make a difference to people's lives."

NEW ROLE: Greg Clark, MP for Tunbridge Wells, is Minister for Decentralisation

■ FLY-tipping has dropped to a three year low in Sevenoaks after a dedicated crackdown to tackle the problem.

Sevenoaks District Council said its fly-tipping response team dealt with 525 incidents between April 1, 2009, and March 31 this year.

The previous year there were 652 cases and 812 for the year before that, which shows a 35 per cent reduction over the whole period.

Residents who know of someone involved in fly tipping can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. To report incidents of rubbish dumped on public land in Sevenoaks call 01732 227000.

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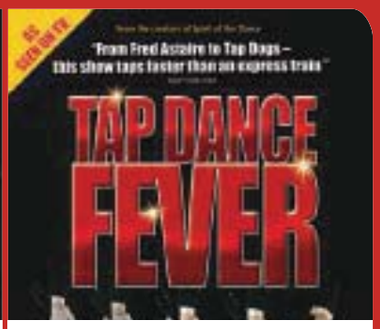

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THE INTERVIEW

BY JANE CONNOLLY

Conflicts of interest to Matt's band of brothers

AUTHOR Matt Lynn is really using the force in his series of gripping military thrillers.

The financial journalist from Goudhurst had already successfully branched out into the world of ghost writing when he decided to pen a novel under his own name. Death Force followed the adventures of a disparate group of mercenaries as they undertook a top secret mission in Afghanistan.

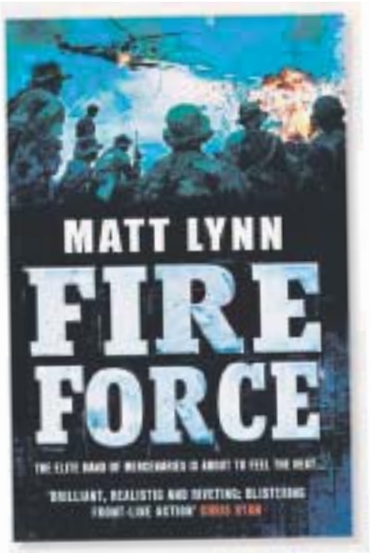
Described as 'Andy McNab meets Band of Brothers', the novel was a hit and the second instalment, Fire Force, will be published this week.

'There's more interest in real live wars rather than the Cold War, which was just a long one where no one did any fighting'

"I was a ghost writer for a former SAS soldier and I got into it by accident, but I enjoyed it and it really interested me in the genre of military thrillers," he said. "It's a great set of stories."

Although non-fiction books on the subject were doing well, Lynn was surprised at the lack of fictional works about today's conflicts.

"It's a huge subject and I think that if you look at the thriller genre, lots of people are still writing about the Cold War, but that's not really where the conflict is anymore," he said. "There's more interest in real live wars rather than the Cold War, which was just a long one where no one did any fighting. They just spied on each other and stole things. It's taken a while for writers to catch up."



Lynn, 47, still works as a financial journalist and contributes to national newspapers, but he found that his experiences as a ghost writer gave him the perfect introduction to a second career in fiction.

"The SAS world is quite a closed one and it introduced me to that world," he said. "It was a good way in, because otherwise they [former SAS soldiers] are not that receptive to talking about it."

FEEL THE FORCE: Matt Lynn with new novel, Fire Force, which is published next week

Also a big fan of Westerns, Lynn soon understood that although the two genres are generally considered very different, there are many similarities.

"When I was ghost writing, I suddenly realised I was writing Westerns," he said. "For decades, it was a hugely popular male fiction genre and it kind of disappeared about 10 or 15 years ago. I think it disappeared because it became too distant, historically.

"All those stories were set around the 1880s, which is a long time ago and Westerns were really popular about 50 years ago. All the SAS stories are about the Western – it's all about male stories and death and military thrillers are a continuation of that genre."

The third book, Shadow Force, is due to be published next year and will take Lynn's mercenaries into the dangerous world of Somali pirates. Lynn has no plans to abandon his band of brothers, with plenty more adventures on the horizon.

"It's a very flexible format as they can go pretty much anywhere, because they are not tied down," he said. "They can fly off to any conflict in the world, so there is no reason to stop doing them."

• ***Fire Force is published by Headline on Thursday (May 27) and is priced at £6.99.***

John Lewis to be at home here

By JON COATES
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A NEW home furnishing store will open in Tunbridge Wells later this year – creating about 190 jobs.

John Lewis will invest £9 million in setting up one of its 'at home' shops, which will stock furniture, furnishing accessories, electrical and home technology.

The 50,000 sq ft store in Longfield Road is due to open in the autumn – providing a welcome boost to the local economy and employment market.

The John Lewis at home shop planned for Tunbridge Wells follows on from the successful opening of one of the new brand of smaller specialist stores by the retail giant in Poole, Dorset, last October.

The format has been developed for areas more than a 40-minute drive from an existing John Lewis department store, such as the one at Bluewater for this area.

Further 'at home' concepts are due to be opened in Croydon, south London, and Swindon, Wiltshire, later this year.

Perfect fit

Andy Street, managing director of John Lewis, said: "We're excited to be bringing a John Lewis at home shop to Tunbridge Wells, which is a perfect fit for us in terms of location and catchment.

"We've learnt a lot from our Poole opening and our research has shown that the new 'at home' shop has helped our business expand its customer base.

"We have also shown our ability to deliver a high level of customer service in a smaller shop, which is the ultimate test."

He added: "The new format has been developed in direct response to our customers request for greater convenience and ease of access."

John Lewis' head of format development Tim Harrison said: "John Lewis at home in Poole has proven that a smaller format works and has been very well received by customers for its convenience and ease.

"We look forward to providing shoppers with our exceptional service, inspiring products and great value."

Computer terminals in the branch will allow shoppers to browse a wider John Lewis assortment including fashion, beauty, nursery, carpets and order for home delivery or next day collection at the shop. The shop will also have a café.

POPULAR FORMAT: Customers queued around the building in anticipation of the opening of the Poole 'at home' store

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Nurses praised for their efforts

THE head of the Royal College of Nursing has paid tribute to hardworking nurses at a west Kent hospital trust after cases of healthcare-associated infection dropped.

Dr Peter Carter, chief executive and general secretary of the national organisation, spoke after Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust reported a 60 per cent reduction in cases of Clostridium difficile and a 33 per cent drop in MRSA infections since 2008.

"Patients need to know who is in charge, and they can be reassured when the ward sister has the necessary authority, skills and resources," Dr Carter said on the recent International Nurses Day.

"When this pivotal role is empowered, ward sisters can ensure care is well-organised and well delivered, and that the ward is clean. It is no surprise where this has happened, we are seeing massively reduced infection rates."

The trust said it had freed up sisters' time by employing more nurses on each ward, a major factor in enhancing the safety and well being of patients.

Director of Nursing Flo Panel-Coates said: "Our sisters are now the leaders of their wards and guardians of patient care."

She added: "In the last two years we have seen real change. Ward sisters now have the autonomy and time to make changes for the better. While they are individually responsible for their wards, they are also collectively committed to helping one another improve patient care."

The trust made national headlines in 2007 when the Healthcare Commission (now the Care Quality Commission) published its highly critical report into two outbreaks of C diff across the trust's hospitals that led to the deaths of 90 patients.

Support is vital for heartbreaking job

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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THE inspirational role of looking after a loved one with dementia has been highlighted by one carer who is slowly losing the woman he married to the condition.

Henry Horstead, from Tonbridge, welcomed new initiatives by NHS West Kent to support people with dementia and their carers, but said more needed to be done to raise awareness and increase understanding.

His wife Pauline, 71, was diagnosed with dementia in 2005, and has "gradually gone downhill", suffering incontinence, difficulty communicating and needing 24-hour support.

The couple's five children do not live nearby. Although Mr Horstead, 69, said they had developed a good support network of friends and neighbours, he is her full-time carer.

In west Kent there are around 7,834 people with late onset dementia, which is expected to increase 50 per cent by 2023 to 11,692 people.

"I have to bath her and feed her," he said. "She was aware a few years ago there was something wrong but could not remember what. Now she is not sure what is happening, which makes her upset and depressed. She can't remember that things are nothing to be worried about."

CARER: Henry Horstead looks after his wife, Pauline, who suffers from dementia

Mr Horstead described his wife as a "fun loving girl, always up to mischief", remembering how she would jump into swimming pools fully clothed with her friends "for a giggle".

"That is the type of girl she was. Suddenly doing something for a laugh and on the whole that is disappearing, my old Pauline is no longer, there's just a shell," he said.

"That is the way it is, you see the original person you married and loved disappearing slowly all the time. But it is like any illness you accept that is what is happening."

He said support from voluntary organisations and charities through day centres for people with dementia had proved vital.

Now the NHS in west Kent is launching new services. Peer support groups are being set up, including one in the Malling area, which are aimed at patients after they have been diagnosed to meet with people in a similar situation to discuss their concerns.

There will also be Dementia Cafes, including one in Sevenoaks, which will bring people with the condition and their loved ones together to discuss issues important to them. They will also have access to health professionals and receive support, advice, information and guidance.

"We do need more support," Mr Horstead said. "The more you can mix with other people with the same problems the easier it becomes because you can talk about the problems and also pass on your experience. It helps you know what to expect."

He said some of his friends had raised concerns about hospital specialists and shared different experiences with doctors and other health professionals.

"I think it sounds good at the early stages," he said. "Pauline's speech now sounds like a different language so she has trouble communicating. I think we are getting all the help we require. But it is getting harder."

Mr Horstead said he also receives respite breaks, he said: "At first I refused, but after a while you realise you do need the help."

A website has also been launched along with a 24-hour helpline, which work together to provide the same information service and people can choose whether to go online or use the telephone.

Mr Horstead welcomed the idea because he said information about the symptoms could often be hard to come by: "I think that is important, so people know the signs and have an idea what to expect."

He added: "It is an illness, which you can get help for. It is going to take a few more years, 20 years ago no one spoke about cancer. But now everyone talks about it regardless, dementia needs to come to that stage."

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Online auction aims to score big prize for signed Utd top

A MANCHESTER United football shirt – signed by the Old Trafford first team – is to be auctioned online by a primary school in a bid to raise vital funds to improve its facilities.

The Red Devils jersey contains the signatures of England stars past and present Rio Ferdinand, Gary Neville, Paul Scholes and Wayne Rooney, Welsh legend Ryan Giggs, as well as their overseas stars Nani, Dimitar Berbatov and Nemanja Vidic.

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It is hoped that the rare item of sporting memorabilia, which is framed and comes with a letter of authenticity, will sell for several hundred pounds.

This money will be used by the Parents' and Teachers' Association (PTA) of Lamberhurst St Mary's Primary School to improve outdoor play areas and build scramble nets.

The signed Man Utd shirt has been donated to the school by a pupil's father, who works for a schools' promotions company.

The school will hold its summer fair on Saturday, June 26, from 11am to 3pm, which is its biggest fundraising event of the year for its PTA.

Every year, parents donate items to be raffled off to raise money, but the signed shirt was deemed too special to be raffled.

So an online auction will be held to try and utilise the full value of the shirt. Man Utd shirts signed by one player are quite common, but signed by the whole first team are a rarity and normally fetch hundreds of pounds when sold in specialist shops.

Headteacher Caroline Bromley said: "We felt the shirt was too special to go in a raffle, so we are hoping an online auction will raise as much money as possible.

"It will be a feedback auction, so when bids come in the PTA will email other bidders to let them know the latest price so they can make other bids."

However, she added that posing for photos with the Red Devils shirt has been a traumatic experience for her.

Ms Bromley said: "It brought tears to my eyes having to promote this shirt as a West Ham fan."

When it is sold, the pupils will be asked what they would like the funds to be used for, as the school prides itself on involving them in decisions.

Potential bidders can view the shirt at The Brown Trout pub in Lamberhurst and will be able to get updates on the bids at Lamberhurst village shop.

Bids for the shirt can be emailed to lamberhurstpta@yahoo.co.uk until June 20.

FOR CHARITY: Headteacher Caroline Bromley shows off the signed shirt

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Coalition news...

As clarity emerges from the mêlée of the General Election result, two themes are now prominent for investors:–

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And...

- The current rate of 18% for Capital Gains Tax is **not** here to stay! A rise is most likely in the next month or so.

Investors need to be more nimble-footed than ever before in these debt ridden times. An emergency budget is due on the 22nd June, **are you ready and prepared?**

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Former Cranbrook schoolboy is ready to come back down to Earth after historic

Spaceman branches out while in orbit

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ASTRONAUT Piers Sellers will touch back down to Earth on Wednesday after completing a 12-day mission into space.

The former Kent schoolboy has been part of a six-strong crew onboard the space shuttle Atlantis – on its mission to the orbiting International Space Station.

Flying around space with the crew is a four-inch sliver of wood from the tree from which an apple fell, leading Sir Isaac Newton to devise his theory of gravity. Now, as it floats around the cabin it will be defying the theory it helped discover.

The piece of wood has been lent to Dr Sellers by the Royal Society along with a picture of Sir Isaac. Both will be returned after their historic mission into space.

The Royal Society lent the items to the astronaut as part of its 350th anniversary celebrations. On their return they will be part of a new exhibition about the history of the organisation, which is the national academy of science.

The mission has additional emotion for all onboard – it will be Atlantis' final mission ahead of the shuttle programme being shelved for good.

The orbiter launched from Kennedy Space Center, Florida, on May 14 at 6.20pm (GMT) for what is set to be its historic final voyage and docked at the ISS, the world's largest orbiting laboratory, two days later.

Mission specialist Dr Sellers, 55, who went to Cranbrook School and was born in Crowborough, is part of the six-strong crew delivering an integrated cargo carrier and a Russian mini-research module, named Rassvet (Russian for dawn).

On Monday, two astronauts did their first spacewalk to install a second antenna for high-speed transmissions and added a two-armed extension to the station's robotic arm.

Dr Sellers, who has clocked up more than 559 hours in space, including six spacewalks, was not among them. In an interview with this newspaper as he prepared for lift-off a few weeks ago, he said he would be giving other crew members the chance to experience the extravehicular excursions while he worked the robotic arm from inside.

Describing the extraordinary experience of spacewalking, he said: "It's great. You're floating around and the Earth appears gigantic as you're flying around.

"You travel around the world in 100 minutes. Outside for six or seven minutes you see three or four sun rises.

"It's quite beautiful you see the Amazon and then the Sahara a few minutes later. Minutes apart you see everything – rivers, mountains and lakes."

He said he had always known the importance of protecting our planet, but his travels into space have heightened his fondness for Earth.

Beautiful

"It's a huge privilege," he said. "I wish every time that I could take everyone with me so they could see it. I'd love more people to see it, it's so beautiful.

"It makes you a lot fonder of home. We have a beautiful little planet with a nice little sun moving across the sky when you are flying around there it is just so beautiful."

The crew also enjoyed more light-hearted moments. On Tuesday morning, Nasa said that the crew was woken at 2.50am to the song Macho Man by The Village People, dedicated to mission specialist Garrett Reisman, who led the previous day's spacewalk.

Dr Sellers, a US citizen since 1991, who began his career at Nasa as a meteorologist studying climate change and became an astronaut candidate in 1996, said it was a "weird time" as the space shuttles are retired at the end of 2010 after 32-years of the programme.

"People are stretching their legs and wondering who is going to decide when and what next," he said. "I think the whole of space exploration has seen a transition from a political battle between the US and the Soviet Union to an international adventure.

"Now countries share, there are 17 participating in the ISS. It is a tremendous thing, an adventure, and a force for good."

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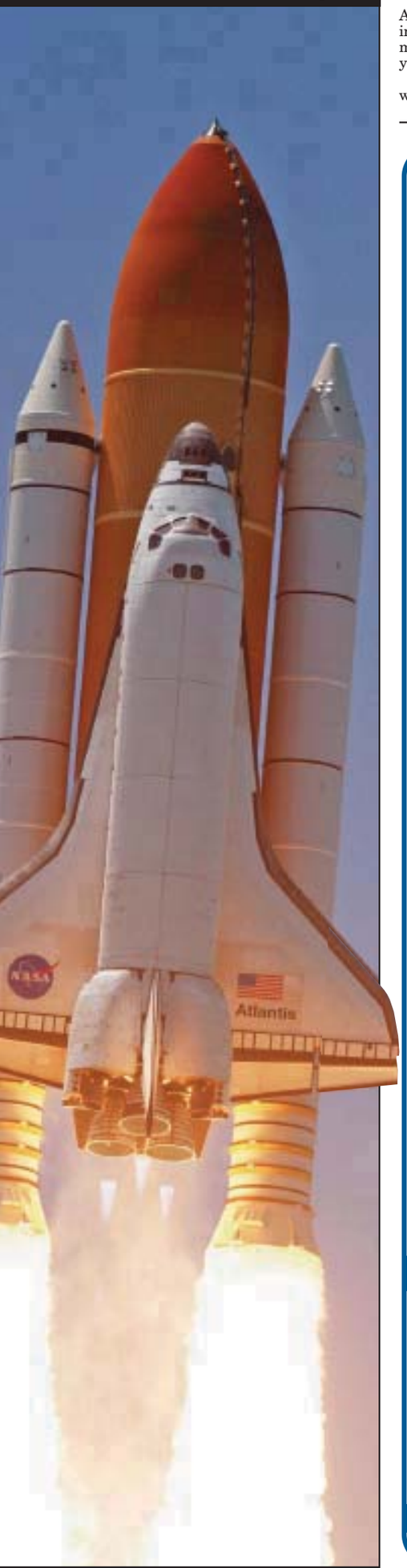

Women asked to come forward about biker

A MOTORCYCLIST has been involved in a spate of incidents making inappropriate comments to young women across west Kent.

Detectives have urged women who have been approached by a man on a red Triumph motorbike to come forward after a string of at least six complaints believed to be linked dating back over a year.

Women have been stopped in semi-rural locations in Edenbridge, Borough Green, Paddock Wood, Boughton Monchelsea and Maidstone. Officers said the man asks for directions and then tries to engage them in inappropriate conversation.

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Ingredients of a role model

AS YOU'VE probably gathered by now, I am not a political commentator, and would never claim to be, but I must say I was incredibly impressed by the actions of Gordon Brown as he left Number 10 recently with his young family in tow.

He addressed the nation via the world's media in such a dignified manner at what was probably one of the most emotional moments of his career and possibly life.

After saying his farewells, he gathered up his two young sons and wife and left Downing Street in one of the most inspiring ways I have ever witnessed.

Who knows what was actually going on his mind at the time, but one thing's for sure, he demonstrated a fantastic example of composure to the watching world.

Isn't it a shame that not all people in the public eye can behave with such decorum?

Take Didier Drogba. No doubt a fantastic footballer, but it seems not such a good role model, if the final Premier League clash between Chelsea and Wigan was anything to go by. He really displayed his true colours, in what can only be described as a 'hissy fit'.

ANGRY MAN: Didier Drogba's anger was not a good example to our youngsters

Now, I openly admit to knowing even less about football than I do politics, so the reasons of his outburst had to be explained to me.

It seems that our man Drogba was chasing the title of 'Golden Boot', which is awarded to the player who has scored the most goals during the football season. He was competing for it against Wayne Rooney who coincidentally was playing another match at exactly the same time, and both were aware their goal scoring was crucial as these were their last games of the season.

However, it was Didier who showed his true colours, displaying his frustration at not being allowed to take a penalty. Instead team-mate Frank Lampard elected to take the ball, who as I understand it, is the usual player to take such shots, and up until that moment hadn't missed a penalty all season.

Despite this being the best choice for Chelsea, Drogba's anger was obvious.

His histrionics were clearly due to the frustration at not being able to secure the Golden Boot prize.

On the one hand you can understand his anxiety, but surely the choice had to be what was best for Chelsea not just him. After all there's no 'I' in team is there?

As it happens he did go onto to score a hat-trick during that very same match – leaving the score Chelsea 8 – Wigan 0, and won the accolade of league's top scorer. But by venting his anger, I wonder what sort of example Drogba was setting – particularly to impressionable young football fans?

I'm sure we've all had someone in our lives that we've aspired to be like, a role model. Look up the definition and it reads "person who serves as an example, whose behaviour is emulated by others".

They come in all walks of life; amongst mine are my sister Tracy, various teachers and good friends.

Another was actress Maggie Jones – Coronation Street's Blanche Hunt who sadly died recently.

Her acerbic tongue and ultimate put downs aren't perhaps examples of a perfect role model, but certainly some of the funniest. Such lines as one she used when referring to bar maid Liz Macdonald: "Skirt no bigger than a belt, too much eyeliner, and roots as dark as her soul."

Brilliant – and one I'll be sure to use in my dotage. You have been warned.

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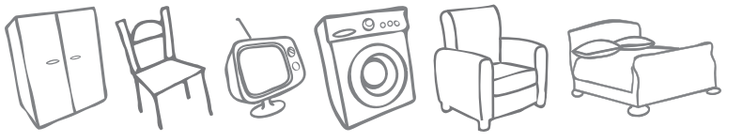

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Art students take a look into the windows of the soul

The way eye see it

EMPTY shops have been given a new lease of life thanks to a creative initiative involving a professional artist and group of young people, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

The project, Eyelife, has seen Tunbridge Wells Borough Council work with artist Jane Churchill and focuses on what the world looks like through the eyes of different people and groups in society.

Developed from the common adage 'eyes are the windows to the soul', the idea was to fill empty shop windows with artwork by various community groups and organisations to reveal the world through their eyes.

The first exhibit has been unveiled at the vacant Portman building on the corner of Grosvenor Road in Tunbridge Wells. Created by Year 10 students at Mascalls in Paddock Wood, the artwork is their interpretation of the project.

Ms Churchill said: "Whatever you do or don't believe, we've all got an inner world going on behind the eyes. And that inner world is unique to each of us. Eyelife is the vision that the empty windows of this shop are the eyes to the inner world of Tunbridge Wells. When we look at the artwork on display we're taking a peek into the imagination of the people around us."

By delving into their inner worlds the students created 12 visions to share with viewers. From childhood dreams of living in a boot, to a world where everything is made of money, each captures the individual behind the art.

The council has called for more groups to get involved, contact eyelife@tunbridgewells.gov.uk.

INNER WORLD: One design is of the distinctive yellow frame pictured on this page

Fun for the family

A SUMMER fair will be held this weekend to raise funds for the Tunbridge Wells and Pembury branch of the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society.

The family event will take place at Salomons in Southborough on Sunday, from 2pm, with attractions including face-painting and a tai chi display. There will also be stalls for cakes, jewellery, books and bric-a-brac, with refreshments on sale in the main house.

The new Mayor of Tunbridge Wells, David Jukes, has chosen the local volunteer group of NRAS as his chosen charity for the year.

• ***See page 17 for more details.***

Charitable calling

AN award-winning film shot in Kent will be screened twice at the Stag Cinema in Sevenoaks on Wednesday to raise funds for charity.

The Calling was filmed in Thanet using a cast of stars including Kent-born actress Brenda Blethyn, Susannah York, Amanda Donahoe, Corin Redgrave and Rita Tushingham.

There will be two showings on Wednesday, May 26, at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, to raise funds for the charity appeal of Cllr Simon Raikes, the new Mayor of Sevenoaks. Tickets are £7 for adults and £5.50 for concessions.

Lead theft arrests

FOUR people have been arrested on suspicion of stealing lead from the roof of a church.

Police officers were sent to the Catholic Church of St Justus in Mount Pleasant, Paddock Wood, last Saturday, just after 12.30am, after getting a call from a member of the public who had seen people on its roof.

A 22-year-old man and two 16-year-old boys have been released on bail to allow further investigation. A 15-year-old boy received a reprimand for theft.

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A taste of Italy is coming to Fremlin Walk Maidstone this weekend as the centre holds another of its popular Italian Markets. Stalls filled with traditional cheeses, breads, cured meats, olives and oils will line Fremlin Walk as food lovers are treated to a mouth watering array of traditional Italian produce. Shoppers will be able to choose from fresh pastas, famous meats, hot dishes and an irresistible selection of dolci e biscotti, Italy's famed cakes and biscuits.

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Police step up hunt to find rail station rapist

A MAN arrested on suspicion of the rape of a teenage girl in an alleyway near a railway station has been re-bailed by police.

The victim, an 18-year-old from Tunbridge Wells, was allegedly raped in an alley running parallel to St Leonards Warrior Square in Hastings, East Sussex, in the early hours of April 11.

A 29-year-old man was arrested and questioned in custody before being released on police bail until Wednesday, May 12.

A British Transport Police spokesman said the suspect had answered his bail as scheduled and was re-bailed until May 27 to allow for further investigation.

Officers last week spoke to hundreds of businesses in the search for witnesses to the serious sexual assault.

Police have also released a CCTV image of a man walking alongside the teenager just before she was raped and have offered a £500 reward for information leading to a successful prosecution of the offender.

A man was seen running from the alley after the attack on the girl, who had been visiting friends in Hastings.

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Author gets poetic about his music and last epic work

JENNA PUDELEK speaks to top author and keen musician Louis de Bernieres ahead of his appearance at the Tunbridge Wells International Music Festival

LOUIS de Bernières stands on the verge of delighting and disappointing in equal measure.

The best-selling author of such books as Captain Corelli's Mandolin revealed to us work is under way on his latest novel. Yet he suggests it may be his last major work.

Speaking ahead of his appearance as part of the Tunbridge Wells International Music Festival, the 55-year-old revealed that he has written 50 pages of his latest work. Guarding the story line as you would expect, he reveals little other than it is set in 1918.

But more of that later, because for his performance this Sunday at Trinity Theatre, the audience will be treated to readings of his poetry interspersed with live classical mandolin and guitar music.

Billed as "an unusual celebration of music and poetry" the writer will be joined by Alison Stephens on the mandolin and Craig Ogden on the guitar.

"Alison is probably the best mandolin player in the country and Craig is a magnificent classical guitarist," he said. "In between I'll be reading poetry ... mostly my own."

Born in London in 1954, the author tried his hand at a variety of jobs after leaving university, including landscape gardener, mechanic and school teacher.

But it has been his writing which has delivered him the success he craved, receiving plaudits for his first book, The War of Don Emmanuel's Nether Parts, in 1990.

Mr de Bernières has long combined his writing with musical interests, and gigs with a group called the Antonius Players. Like his famous hero, he plays the mandolin as well as the guitar, clarinet and flute.

"It is quite informal," he said of the trio performing on Sunday. "We want the quality to be as high as possible, but we chat to each other and the audience. It has always been great fun for us."

As well as working on his latest novel, he is due to publish a book of poetry and two of his books are being made into films.

Some of de Bernières' most famous works, such as Captain Corelli and Birds Without Wings, are set in idyllic locations with compelling characters, whose lives are interrupted by conflict. But his new novel might have a different element.

"I've started writing a novel, I'm 50 pages in and I think it will be my last epic novel... I don't think I have another one in me.

"At the moment it might partly be a ghost story," he said intriguingly.

A film adaptation of a children's book he wrote, Red Dog, which is based on a true story about a hitchhiking, Australian canine, is due to be completed in a month.

Birds Without Wings, regarded by some as his masterpiece epic and set in a village in Turkey during the First World War, is also being made into a film although the project has stalled in the economic downturn.

Once asked if he was happy about the 2001 Corelli movie starring Nicolas Cage and Penelope Cruz, he famously replied: "It would be impossible to be happy about your own baby having its ears put on backwards."

But asked if he was nervous about the upcoming films, he said: "I was not as unhappy as people like to make out.

"With Red Dog I think it is quite safe. It has an Australian director filming it in Australia, where the book is set. I'm encouraged and hopeful it has been done well."

Mr de Bernières moved out of his flat in London after the success of Captain Corelli and now lives in the Norfolk countryside with his partner and young children.

His most recent book, Notwithstanding, a collection of short stories, is based on his rural upbringing in Surrey.

But he also has ties to Kent, which he admits do not hold the happiest memories and are blighted by a spell at boarding school.

"I went to school in Kent when we used to live in Orpington," he said. "I went to a nasty boarding school in Birchington-on-Sea, which was pretty Dickensian with lots of thrashing and flogging and bullying.

"The education was fantastic but it was quite a vicious and hard place. Although it had good parts too – we used to go down and play on the beach which was beautiful."

• ***See the Review section inside this paper for details of Louis de Bernieres' appearance in Tunbridge Wells this weekend.***

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MARK OF APPROVAL: David Jones, Swattenden's Kent Youth Service officer (left) and Mike Hill, KCC cabinet member for community services

Quality badge for education centre

A SCHOOLS activity centre has won an award for the standard of its educational services ***writes Jon Coates***.

The Swattenden Centre, near Cranbrook, has received a Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge in recognition of the activities and courses it runs in a safe environment.

The Kent County Council-managed centre, set in 27.5 acres of parkland in the Weald just outside Cranbrook, offers day activity sessions and week-long residential courses, with accommodation.

It attracts schools from across Kent – giving some youngsters their first taste of freedom from their parents and home life.

Mike Hill, KCC's cabinet member for community services, said: "The quality badge is a real coup for staff at Swattenden, as it shows that we offer young people the high-quality learning experiences they benefit from.

"We look forward to welcoming even more children and young people to our outdoor and residential centre."

The quality badge was developed as part of the Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto, a government initiative to ensure young people are given more opportunities to have these experiences as part of the national curriculum.

To achieve the award, the Swattenden Centre had to meet six quality indicators and now has access to ongoing support from the scheme, including training materials, good practice examples and on-line resources.

Beth Gardner, chief executive of the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, said: "Educational visits are among the most memorable experiences in school life.

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Mayor says farewell to role

By **JON COATES**
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THE outgoing Mayor of Tunbridge Wells has spoken of the honour of representing the borough during his year in office.

Cllr Leonard Price stepped down during a ceremony at the Town Hall in Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday, when his deputy, Cllr David Jukes, was made mayor for the next year.

As he bid the office farewell, he said seeing all the big civic events over-subscribed during the last year and the generosity of families in the borough during the recession was the highlight of his year.

But he has also been touched by the dedication and quality of voluntary organisations in the area and called on people to support them.

Cllr Price, whose daughter Victoria was his mayoress, said: "It has been a very enjoyable year.

"We have done some really big events, but I think the big surprise for me has been the voluntary sector.

"We all know about the voluntary sector to a small degree, but we do not know the detail of what they do. For instance, that the Royal British Legion and Guide Dogs for the Blind get nothing from central government.

"We owe a lot to the voluntary sector and this year, while recognising that this is a good town, has shown me that we should all really do more to support their work."

He said he had enjoyed seeing the professionalism of the Tunbridge Wells Symphony Orchestra at performances, as well as seeing the Tunbridge Wells Music Festival develop.

FAREWELL: Cllr Leonard Price is handing over to David Jukes, right

Another highlight for Cllr Price was taking part in the welcome home parade held last July for the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment after their six-month tour in Afghanistan.

Families lined the streets in Tunbridge Wells town centre to pay tribute to the troops from Kent's own regiment, which is the most decorated and one of the oldest in the British Army.

The salute was taken by regiment member Lance Corporal Johnson Beharry, 30, the youngest holder of the Victoria Cross for his exceptional bravery during a tour of Iraq.

Cllr Price, who has had careers as an engineer, property developer and restaurateur, said: "There were five welcome home parades across the south east for the regiment, but they told us the Tunbridge Wells event was the top parade for them as they were so well received."

The outgoing mayor, who has represented Culverden ward in Tunbridge Wells since 1998, is now looking forward to using the insight into the borough he has gained during his time in the office to be a better councillor. He was a county councillor representing Tunbridge Wells for 12 years before joining the borough council.

For his year in office Cllr Price chose the Pickering Cancer Drop-in Centre and Tunbridge Wells and District Multiple Sclerosis Society as his charities.

Cllr Price said: "We have raised about £13,000, which will be split between the two charities. There was also an exceptional response to the Mayor's Toy Appeal.

"People have been more cautious in giving money during the recession, but they have given what they can and supported our events very well, for which I thank them.

"I also have to thank my daughter Victoria, as everything raised for the two chosen charities of the year has been entirely down to her efforts.

"The final thing I have to do is to wish David and Wendy well, as I know they will be great as mayor and mayoress. I am pleased to hand over to them."

The new mayor has chosen the Tunbridge Wells and Pembury branch of the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society as his charity for the year.

Cllr Jukes has organised a Charity Day at the Kent county cricket championship match at the Nevill Ground in Tunbridge Wells on Sunday, June 6.

He has also arranged a clay pigeon shoot at Old Hay in Paddock Wood on September 29 and a civic dinner at the High Rocks on October 16 to raise funds for his charity.

Blaze 'suspicious'

DETECTIVES and firefighters are investigating a blaze at a disused building in Tonbridge.

Officers were called to the fire in Quarry Hill Road at 1.45am on Monday and believe it to be suspicious.

The road was closed between the roundabout at Brook Street and Pembury Road while emergency services dealt with the blaze. It re-opened at 6.15am.

Anyone with information about the fire can call police on 01732 379217 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Pizza man attack

A PIZZA delivery man had hospital treatment for cuts and bruising to his face after an attack in Borough Green.

Police have appealed for witnesses after the assault outside Pimmy's Pizza in the High Street at about 9.15pm on April 24.

He was hit on side of the head, fell to the floor and was kicked.

A 24-year-old man has been arrested in connection with the incident. He has been bailed while the investigation continues.

Driver's phone fine

A MOTORIST has been fined £175 and will get three points on his licence for using a mobile phone while driving a car.

Paul Brankin, 41, of Hollywood Lane, Sevenoaks, was caught by police using his phone while driving a silver Ford Mondeo on the M20 at Hollingbourne, near Maidstone, on November 5. He was sentenced at Sittingbourne Magistrates Court and ordered to pay £100 costs.

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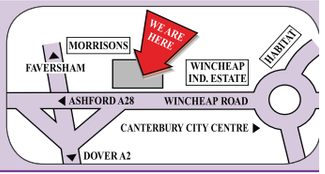

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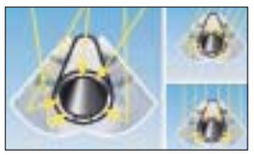

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Chelsea inspires some

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- RHS Chelsea Flower Show runs from Tuesday to next Saturday
- The Royal Horticultural Society's first Great Spring Show was held in the RHS garden in Kensington, London, in 1862.
- The Great Spring Show moved to Temple Gardens, near Embankment, in 1888 before being relocated to the Royal Hospital in Chelsea in 1913, where it has been held ever since.
- Although the show continued well into World War I and was only cancelled in 1917 and 1918, the land was required by the War Office as an anti-aircraft site during World War II. The event did not resume until 1947.
- Tickets to this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show sold out on May 14, the earliest since visitor numbers were capped to 157,000 in 1988.
- About 600 exhibitors from all over the world will be taking part in the show this year, including 15 show gardens, 21 small gardens, more than 100 floral exhibitors and 250 garden product companies.
- This year, the Eden Project will create Chelsea's biggest ever show garden at almost 600 square metres.
- It takes a team of 800 people just over three weeks to build the show.
- Since 2002, nearly 600 new plants have been launched at the flower show.

If you need any clearer sign that summer is just around the corner, then look no further than the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. JANE CONNOLLY gets green-fingered and looks at some of the local interest blooming in London this week

KENT exhibitors are growing for gold as the 2010 RHS Chelsea Flower Show bursts into life this week.

Widely considered to be the highlight of the horticultural calendar, the London show attracts more than 150,000 visitors every year.

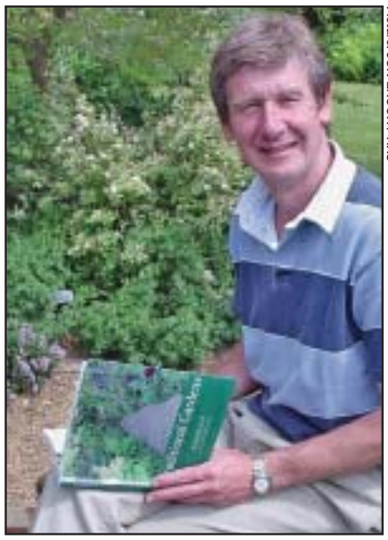
Showcasing some of the finest designers from around the world, its is perhaps little wonder the inspirational event draws crowds from overseas as well as across the UK.

Kent will be represented in fine style as garden designer Roger Platts, from Edenbridge, has been chosen to create a garden on behalf of the show's sponsor, M&G Investments.

The first challenge was in the commission itself. With a deal confirmed in February – less than four months before the event opened its doors to an expectant public – Mr Platts was given little time to create a gold standard garden.

The designer has not exhibited a large garden at Chelsea since 2002, but his last visit was a successful one – his work earned a Gold Medal and the honour of being named Best in Show.

Given the job of reflecting M&G Investments' ethos of 'nurturing expertise',



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Mr Platts has created his signature traditional British garden, with an added twist.

"What I've done is very traditional, the sort of thing I'm known for doing, but the centre part of it has more of a surprise," he said.

"Nurturing expertise is probably the company's ethos as a whole, but it's also about the show and deciding to sponsor it."

Combining a quintessential British look with contemporary features and locally sourced materials, the design aims to inspire people to incorporate traditional planting into their own gardens. All the plants used have been prepared at Mr Platts' nursery in Edenbridge and most have been grown there.

Mr Platts' previous success at Chelsea has helped the business to flourish and contributed to his eight-year absence from the large show gardens. But this year he felt the time was right to see if those green fingers can produce the Midas touch once again.

"We had a little funding on the last one we did, but we always made a point of doing it for ourselves," he said. "But this time the traditional brief, the timing and the organisation we were working with just felt right."

With just a few months to create a show-stopping garden, Mr Platts has been both helped and hindered by the temperamental weather. But despite the pressure and hard work, he is looking forward to the show.

"You have so much happening during the week. It will be the end of June before

blooming beauties

life is back to some sort of normality."

The horticultural passion of an iconic fashion designer is celebrated in Christian Before Dior, sponsored by garden ornament specialists Chilstone of Tunbridge Wells.

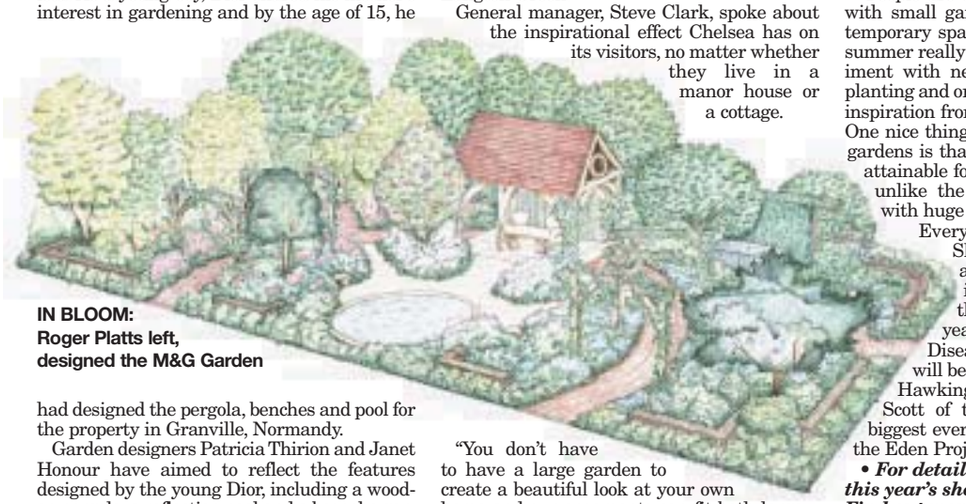
Inspired by the Pool Garden at Les Rhumbs, Dior's childhood home, the garden highlights a lesser-known fact about the French fashionista. As a young boy, Dior shared his mother's interest in gardening and by the age of 15, he had designed the pergola, benches and pool for the property in Granville, Normandy.

Garden designers Patricia Thirion and Janet Honour have aimed to reflect the features designed by the young Dior, including a wooden pergola, a reflection pool and a bespoke garden bench.

With a pink and grey colour scheme, the planting includes scented roses, jasmine, heliotrope, peonies, honeysuckle and lily of the valley.

As Dior's favourite flower, lily of the valley appeared on the hems of his famous New Look collection dresses and the bloom also adorns a special vase made by Chilstone for the Chelsea garden. The company supplies garden ornaments of all shapes and sizes from its site in Langton Green.

General manager, Steve Clark, spoke about the inspirational effect Chelsea has on its visitors, no matter whether they live in a manor house or a cottage.



IN BLOOM: Roger Platts left, designed the M&G Garden

"You don't have to have a large garden to create a beautiful look at your own home and our ornaments can fit both large and small areas," he said.

"The show highlights how ornamentation can be used in a small garden. We have been extraordinarily busy across the board this year, from bird baths up to large temples."

Mr Clark puts the boom in business down to the financial climate, with the recession adding some unexpected growth to the gardening industry.

"Because people are not buying houses, they are investing in their gardens," he said.

"People are creating focal points and those with small gardens are creating smart contemporary spaces. Chelsea is the start of the summer really and it inspires people to experiment with new ideas, in terms of flowers, planting and ornamentation. They gain a lot of inspiration from gardens they see at Chelsea. One nice thing about being involved in small gardens is that it is more intimate and more attainable for the people who visit Chelsea, unlike the big gardens which are built with huge budgets."

Every year, RHS Chelsea Flower Show features more diversity and even greater surprises for its visitors to discover. Among the show's many highlights this year will be the Motor Neurone Disease Association garden, which will be launched by Professor Stephen Hawking. There will also be a tribute to Scott of the Antarctic and the event's biggest ever show garden, to be created by the Eden Project.

• For details about all the gardens at this year's show, visit www.rhs.org.uk. Find out more about Roger Platts by visiting www.rogerplatts.com and Chilstone of Tunbridge Wells at www.chilstone.com.

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CHRIS BRITCHER

I'm a bit of a dipstick about cars

I ADMIT to being a bit of a dimwit when it comes to car maintenance.

Not a cool thing to admit. And not very macho. But there you go. I'll live with it and the sneers of my colleagues and friends.

I consider there are trained mechanics who rely on people like me to sustain them and their families. People like me to whom they can burble on about injections and broken belts and lubrication while I simply pretend to know what they are talking about and look to nod in the right places and not smirk as I realise I have not the faintest idea what they're on about.

They feel good, and over charge me, I feel proud if I stop myself from saying something stupid like, 'yeah, yeah, but will it stop that knocky-noise from annoying me?' It's all a case of little victories.

It's not like I'm not interested in cars at all, don't get me wrong. Just that my interest is pretty much confined to how they look, how comfy the seats are and whether or not I can plug my iPod into it without too much aggro.

I want to put my foot down and feel a bit of oomph, and when I turn the stereo on I'd like, while driving along the motorway and bothering no-one else, to make my ears bleed with some 80s toe-tapper.

As for what happens under the bonnet?

Well, I can take it or leave it. I know the bare bones. I know how to get water in the squirty things which clean my windscreen and I know where the dipstick is to check the oil levels (although I do admit to still finding the word 'dipstick' childishly amusing).

I can admire the beauty of a clean and polished engine in a brand new car but by the time it's racked up a few thousand miles and lost its shine, so my interest disappears amid the grime.

This week, however, I was forced to lift up the lid. Because as I was driving along the M20 a little beep went off and I was told there was a problem with the engine and oil pressure.

I dragged the machine to the nearest junction, and set about looking like I had a rough idea what I was doing. That smirk-some dipstick was going to be called into action. I found what I thought it was and gave it a tug. Then I panicked that this was something other than the dipstick and that I was actually trying to forcibly remove something rather important. Perhaps the plug that keeps the engine together or something.

Of course, the very fact the dipstick wouldn't budge – it was, needless to say, the stick in question – suggested my father's constant nagging to check my levels had not sunk in.

I've never had a car tell me to stop before on account of my incompetence. The oil level failed to register at all on the dipstick. Oops. But now I face an uncomfortable wait. An uncomfortable wait because apparently this oil business is rather vital to the engine working and not breaking down and prompting a repair bill to make my eyes ping out in a way more befitting a cartoon character.

All of which is making me reconsider a life of motor maintenance ignorance. Perhaps I should know what various things do. Perhaps I should use this as an opportunity to buy one of those Haynes manuals and actually read it, rather than putting it on the bookshelf so my father feels like his years of nagging actually made some impact on me?

Or, of course, I'll simply forget every word of this if my engine escapes unscathed… I suspect I know what will happen.

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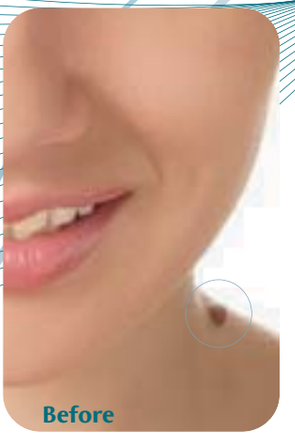

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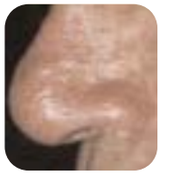
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Will coalition work?

Most people including the west Kent Tory MPs quoted in your newspaper last weekend seem to be welcoming our new Government, be it through gritted teeth.

But after voting for the Liberal Democrats and hoping it would lead to a centre left coalition with Labour, I was left feeling disappointed and concerned about the future, especially for the most vulnerable.

Talk about a new kind of politics seems enticing, but I worry how the Lib Dems will hold their own against the Conservatives.

In your article last week there seemed to be a gap between Greg Clark's enthusiasm and the other MPs' reluctant admittance that the coalition was the best thing for the country and the economy.

There was little talk of the partnership working that Clegg and Cameron have been talking about nationally.

I think there are going to be a lot of clashes over policies, the fear being that the Lib Dems will be forced to bow to the Tory old guard. There are some glaring differences for example the Human Rights Act, which the Conservatives want to abolish, and Trident.

Amy Bradshaw, Tunbridge Wells

Don't leave them empty

After reading the article in last weekend's paper about the problem of derelict properties in Tunbridge Wells, it seems staggering that something has not been done sooner.

The council has admitted there are 200 empty properties in the borough and that 40 have been abandoned for more than five years. Why? Surely something can be done sooner to stop them becoming eyesores.

I believe if a property has been empty for a year then local authorities should be able to step in and take ownership to return them to use. A 'use it or lose it' policy may seem draconian, but it would stop buildings sitting there empty while people are living on the streets and while families on low incomes are stuck on waiting lists for affordable housing.

We keep hearing about government targets forcing councils to build more houses on our doorsteps or on open spaces, but not one new home should be built until all the existing properties in the town are being utilised.

Your article says the council has the power to carry out repair work on rundown properties and then let then out to recoup the money used to improve it, but has not yet used this. I think it's about time they did.

Ben Matthews, Langton Green

Pollute and Ride

Objections to Park and Ride near Tunbridge Wells are better founded than most existing objectors realise.

Park and Ride in close proximity to urban areas causes serious traffic congestion and air pollution. Considering the case of Canterbury, two Park and Ride sites in the south of that city on the urban fringe contribute to exceptional traffic congestion and air pollution.

Due to the presence of the Park and Ride sites, the two motorway junctions south of Canterbury – according to KCC's consultation on a new Local Transport Plan for Kent – are severely congested and are air pollution blackspots too.

Resisting both traffic congestion and air pollution requires a wide range of measures: better bus and rail services, upgraded walking and cycling routes, improved green travel plans for schools and businesses, more teleworking to reduce car journeys and not wasting money on Park and Ride schemes.

Dr Hazel Dawe, chair of Kent Green Party

Be driven to help

Have you heard of Sevenoaks Brighter Futures? The scheme supports residents of Sevenoaks, Edenbridge and surrounding areas aged 60 plus to stay independent and active in the community.

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Fiona Watkins, Brighter Futures manager at Volunteer Centre Sevenoaks, based at The Bradbourne School

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STRABLE
Kathy West and Richard Strable celebrate the birth of their son Drew Howard Strable on 30th April 2010.

POWELL
Samantha would like to announce the birth of Alfie Michael Powell, born on the 8th May 2010 at the Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital, Margate. A much loved son and grandson.

WILLS
Carly and John Wills celebrate the birth of their son Barney Edward Wills on the 8th May 2010, weighing 7lb 1oz.

MORLHAM
Claire and Jon are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Dylan Lloyd Morlham on the 14th April 2010.

DEATHS

BROOKE
Alfred Leonard, known by family and friends as Len, from Northfleet, passed away peacefully at home on 10th May 2010, aged 89 years. Will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

HITCHIN
Dick Hitchin passed away on the 8th May 2010. Much loved husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Forever in our hearts. Service to be held at Thanet Crematorium on Thursday 27th May 2010 at 12:40pm.

ROWE
John Rowe, otherwise known as Dave, of Canterbury passed away peacefully on the 9th May 2010 after a long illness, aged 73 years. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

BOORMAN NEE PALMER
Anne Melanie Boorman of Canterbury, past teacher at Littlebourne School, slipped away peacefully at home on 15th May 2010. Donations if desired to Pilgrims Hospice Canterbury.

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Ewbank departure is music to artists' ears

I write as a musician – with many artistic contacts within the community – to respond to the shameful articles in the press concerning Nick Ewbank, former artistic director of the Creative Foundation in Folkestone, about his intention to "spread his wings" and move to "new creative projects".

I am delighted to hear of his departure, to allow someone with genuine commitment and common sense to take on the position.

I feel outraged that the Creative Foundation yet again plans to attract "international artists" to the Triennial next year, when we have so many talented artists (some with international reputations) who could play pivotal roles and who should be actively supported by the Creative Foundation, especially bearing in mind the wanton neglect of local artists over the last nine years.

I hope the Creative Foundation will now seek to involve individuals who have a proven track record of truly supporting local artists and community projects, such as Neville Pundole, Frank Hurshfield, Michael Stainer and Briony Kapoor, who could inject much-needed professionalism and fine creative vision into the organisation as a whole.

I sincerely hope Mr Ewbank's departure heralds a new era of blossoming creativity, especially for the many talented local artists who the Creative Foundation should unstintingly serve from now on.

Stephen Priestley, by email

There's no denying that he's persistent

In reply to Doug Cheverst's latest letter: firstly, it was not me who mentioned shipping deaths in Europe.

However, a quick internet search of 'European deaths from shipping emissions' shows, among others, that the claims may have originated from a report from the Energy Research Centre for the Netherlands which said: "Shipping emissions have been estimated to induce more than 60,000 premature deaths globally, of which about one third are in Europe (Corbett et al, 2007)".

I refer him and others to those links for a start, if they so wish.

As for so-called experts, the likes of Bishop Usher and whoever said rail travel caused death over 25mph cannot be regarded as in any way reliable guides to today's issues, as they were products of their time and influenced by their ignorance of fact and their fears.

Modern scientists are by the very nature of science sceptical and check their facts before publishing. Those who remain sceptical are free to challenge these and accept the hard evidence once presented by further research.

A denier, in this case of climate change, refuses to even accept the hard evidence.

A useful example of the nature of denial is in a very recent edition of New Scientist magazine.

Finally, I point out that a group of climate scientists at the US National Academy of Sciences published a letter in Science magazine last month which clearly refuted the climate deniers' case and maintained that the theory of global warming was, and is, as robust as the theory of evolution and Einstein's relativity theories, despite the obvious remaining uncertainties within them all.

So I leave all to pursue their own investigations to inform themselves of the facts.

Ray Duff, Folkestone

Population explosion is the real threat we face

"Soviet scientists conclude, as warm-water fish are increasing in numbers in the Arctic seas and rising temperatures are melting the ice caps, that the world is getting hotter. Russian explorers soon expect ships to sail right across the Pole."

No, this wasn't recently, this was at the end of 1938. After which, by 1947 the ice caps had reformed and Britain had one of the hardest winters ever. As they say, there is nothing new under the sun.

Philippe Buache, the 18th century geographer, produced a map, based on ancient sources, showing Antarctica with no ice on it at all. This being confirmed in 1958 by a seismic survey.

Good job they were too busy surviving in those days to form panic groups, using dubious data to frighten people into being controlled by others with personal agendas.

I agree with Doug Cheverst, Ray Duff has no interest in data other than that which supports what he wants to believe.

We can be sure whatever we see now, the world has been there before. Or worse.

The greatest fear at present, which the CO2 huggers ignore, is over-population and the sustained destruction of the world's resources.

Therein lies our demise and this needed urgent action long ago.

But when world leaders can't even agree what shaped table they will meet around, it doesn't inspire a lot of hope.

I'm surprised Ray Duff has time to write, what with changing the world to negate the need to destroy the rainforests, fitting solar panels, stopping China and India polluting and the many other tasks on his long list, which now includes capping the Yellowstone volcano.

You'll need a lot of cement for that, Mr Duff.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Put the kettle on and boost Marie Curie

As a long-time supporter of Marie Curie Cancer Care and a passionate cake-baker, may I ask your readers to join the charity's Blooming Great Tea Party celebrations this summer?

We're inviting people to hold their own tea parties any time between June 12 and July 12 to help raise money for the charity.

Whether it's a garden party, afternoon tea or a simple gathering of friends for a cuppa, holding a Blooming Great Tea Party couldn't be simpler.

Every tea party, however big or small will help more Marie Curie nurses to provide free care for terminally ill people in their own homes or at one of the charity's hospices.

I do hope you are able to help us. To sign up for a free Blooming Great Tea Party fundraising pack with ideas to help create the perfect party, call 08700 340 040 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty.

Jane Asher, Blooming Great Tea Party

Vegan cake challenge aims to end cruelty

If any readers are animal lovers who love baking, veggie group Viva! may have just the challenge for them.

We are organising a massive nationwide fundraising Vegan Cake Bake – from Monday, July 26, to Sunday, August 1 – and are looking for keen cooks to take part.

Funds are for our campaign: Factory Farming – It's Gotta Go, which exposes the true horror and lack of humanity involved in the way most animals are reared in the UK.

Viva! is funded entirely by donations and is the only campaigning-based vegetarian and vegan organisation in the UK.

If you support our aims to end cruelty to farmed animals and help the world become a kinder place, please join the Vegan Cake Bake.

We have a range of free, delicious vegan cake recipes which are available by visiting www.viva.org.uk/fundraisingcakebake or by calling 0117 944 1000, including carrot cake, lemon slices, vanilla sponge, chocolate berry cake, chocolate chip cookies and muffins.

Then all you have to decide is where you are going to sell your cakes.

Email me, Helen Rossiter (helen@viva.org.uk), for more information, or call the number above. Happy baking.

Helen Rossiter, Viva! cookery writer

Fruity Friday getting the message across

We want to thank schools, companies and everyone in the area who took part in this year's Fruity Friday campaign.

The campaign was a big success, with more people taking part than ever before.

Fruity Friday is an annual fundraising and awareness campaign held by the World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) to encourage people to incorporate more fruit and vegetables into their diet.

Scientists estimate that a third of the most common cancers could be prevented by following a healthy diet, which includes lots of fruits and vegetables, being physically active and maintaining a healthy weight.

To find out more, visit www.wcrf-uk.org.

Natalie Tarrant, events manager, World Cancer Research Fund

Your chance to make a world of difference

The Vodafone Foundation's 2010 World of Difference International programme has just launched, giving eight UK-based people the chance to make a difference by being paid to work for a UK or Channel Islands charity overseas for a year.

Statistics show that over a third of us would like to get involved in more charity work, but many don't know where to start.

The World of Difference International programme is open to anyone over the age of 18 with passion, drive and commitment.

Applicants can work for a charity of their choice, as long as that work takes them to overseas and their chosen charity is registered in the UK.

The eight individuals who are prepared to make a difference and grab a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will receive up to £25,000 towards their outgoings, plus £20,000 in expenses for costs directly associated with their placement from the Vodafone Foundation.

For those who aren't sure what charities might need help, vodafone.co.uk/worldofdifference has a charity matchmaker tool that matches interests with opportunities.

Anyone interested has until midnight on June 17 to apply on the website, with placements starting from this autumn.

Our site also contains updates from eight winners who were last year chosen from over 1,000 applicants and are currently working overseas for their chosen charities.

I hope individuals in Kent will take up this unique opportunity to make a world of difference.

Andrew Dunnett, director, Vodafone Foundation

Our specialist nurses deserve protection

There will be many among your readership who, having been diagnosed with cancer, have benefited from the support offered to them by clinical nurse specialists (CNS).

We know the NHS is looking to make savings, yet during the election campaign the Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties both stated the importance of nursing support for people with cancer.

As a coalition of charities that represents over half of the people diagnosed with cancer in the UK, and the people who care for them, we are calling on David Cameron to safeguard these vital roles.

The role of the CNS is critical to the wellbeing of patients, greatly improving their experience of treatment and aftercare by giving them the support and information they need, when they need it.

Research also shows that specialist nurses save the NHS money by ensuring patients receive the most appropriate care, reducing hospital admissions and bed days.

If the NHS is to be more cost effective, then more not less needs to be spent on these valued and valuable nurses.

Deborah Alsina, chief executive, Bowel Cancer UK; Dr Rosemary Gillespie, chief executive, Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation; Pamela Goldberg, chief executive, Breast Cancer Campaign; Jeremy Hughes, chief executive, Breakthrough Breast Cancer; John Neate, chief executive, The Prostate Cancer Charity; Samia al Qadhi, chief executive, Breast Cancer Care, London

Raising awareness of ME sufferers' needs

May is ME.Awareness Month and, satisfied or not with the General Election outcome, your readers may wish to know that Thanet North MP Roger Gale very kindly took the time to acknowledge and respond to our manifesto for ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis) in the run up to polling day. We have posted his response on our website, www.afme.org.uk.

We hope Mr Gale will remember the needs of vulnerable people with ME and other chronic health problems, now the votes have been cast and the new Government starts looking at cut-backs.

Sir Peter Spencer, chief executive, Action for ME

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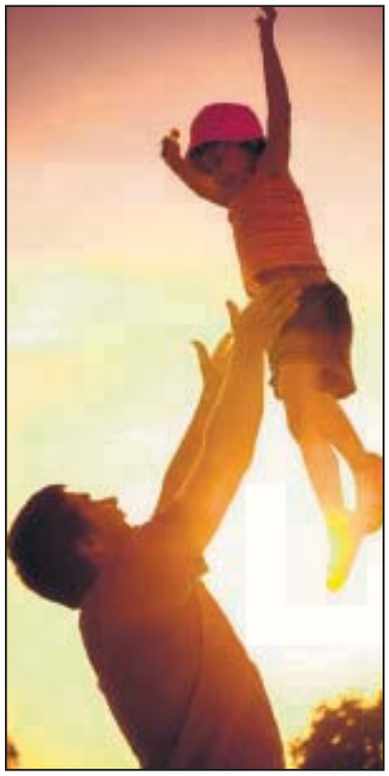

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By **CHRIS MURPHY**

MOST people have heard about fostering, but the industry is aiming at raising its profile even further to cope with demand.

Organisations like Kent County Council are supplemented by specialist agencies across the county and they want to increase awareness of the valuable work they do.

Daniel Croft, manager of Moments Fostering Agency in Canterbury, is one of many around Kent who thinks the service needs to do more educate the public.

He told KOS Media: "To raise profile of fostering and highlight the need for more foster carers is straightforward.

"I like to sum up foster carers as 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'.

"After all, foster carers are everyday people that push their limits and make a huge difference to a child's life.

"That difference is carried into their adult life and the children today are the future teachers, doctors, foster carers, peacekeepers, so without sounding too lyrical, children are the future.

"There's no better qualification in the world than life experience. Full training is given and on going throughout a foster carer's career.

"These will include first aid training, record keeping and behaviour management courses.

"Are you an experienced foster carer, or are you just thinking of fostering as a new career?

"Moments is interested in working with people who want to make a real difference to children and young people in care by providing a supportive, nurturing and stable home environment."

Rewarding

KCC managing director for children, families and education, Rosalind Turner, said: "Foster carers are changing lives day in, day out and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

"Foster Care Fortnight is an excellent opportunity to give thanks and celebrate their work.

"It is also a chance for people to find out about the profession and consider whether it would be right for them.

"Foster care is a very challenging, but rewarding career. It is no different to family life – there will be ups and downs, but for the right people it will enrich their lives and the lives of the children they care for."

She said becoming a foster parent can deliver a decent life for some lucky youngsters, but the industry is short of applicants.

Mrs Turner added: "If becoming a foster carer is something you have considered, why not take the opportunity to find out more?

"Our team is available on the phone to offer advice and guidance and we host information evenings where you can meet other carers. There are also details on the KCC website.

"The application process is thorough, as you would expect, but there is support throughout. If you decide to go ahead and are accepted, there is an in-depth induction programme.

"All our foster carers are professionals and have on-going training to develop their skills.

"So if you're looking for a different career that really makes a difference, look no further than fostering."

KCC is looking for at least 120 people to join its ranks.

For more information phone Kent County Council fostering team on 0845 330 2968 or visit www.kent.gov.uk/fostering.

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- Short Breaks to provide regular breaks for disabled children.
- Short and Long Term Foster Care for children and young people of all ages.

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County council looking for 120 new fosterers to offer a loving home

HELP: Leyland Ridings is raising awareness

FOSTER carers from across Kent County Council have spoken about the benefits of looking after children and teenagers.

KCC has 700 foster carers, but is looking for another 120 and is raising awareness about the benefits of fostering during Foster Care Fortnight, May 17-28.

Cllr Leyland Ridings, deputy cabinet member for children, families and education at KCC said: "Foster carers can be from all walks of life, single, married or living with a partner, either with or without children.

"They need to have a real interest in helping children and be able to offer a child a stable, secure life in a loving family.

"Everyday in Kent hundreds of children and young people receive the care and attention they need from foster carers.

"With this children in care have the chance to enjoy life and reach their potential, often after a difficult start in life.

"Generally the purpose of fostering is to help children remain with or return to their own family, but sometimes the purpose is to prepare them for a new adoptive family.

"We need a diverse range of people with different skills and qualities so more children are placed in the right home, first time."

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KCC Fostering Service offers a range of benefits including financial rewards and comprehensive training, along with supervision and professional support.

KCC would like to hear from people in Kent who have a spare bedroom and are able to offer a home to children and young people.

If you would like to find out more, contact the initial enquiries team on 0845 330 2968 or visit www.kent.gov.uk/fostering.

CASE STUDIES

■ MUM-OF-one Denise Ilott, from Tonbridge, has been fostering for six years.

She said: "We had been thinking about fostering for a while, but we had a friend who was a foster carer and encouraged us into doing it.

"It is very rewarding when you see the children you are caring for shine and develop.

"You are a fostering family not just one foster carer and it was very important we included our son. I think it has developed him as a person."

■ JULIE Mead from Cliftonville a therapeutic re-parenting specialist, has been a foster carer for 27 years.

She said: "There are lots of different specialist schemes within fostering.

"I am now doing the therapeutic re-parenting fostering scheme. You work as part of a team in a network that includes a psychologist, education, mental health, the child's social worker and any other professional involved with the child.

"The child has usually been through many placement breakdowns and they have attachment disorders of different kinds. It is a two-year, perhaps longer, commitment for that child.

"It is very rewarding to see a child improve in all areas of their life – at home and at school."

■ GARY Carter, from Whitstable, has been fostering for a year.

He said: "It has been hard work, but very rewarding. When I first went into fostering I just thought you need to provide a bed and a warm meal and they would be fine, but there is a lot more love and care involved and a lot of finding yourself as well.

"From the time we were approved it took just over a month before our first placement arrived.

"It is learning on the job a lot, but there is a lot of training. You think you know everything there is to know about looking after children, but as every course goes by it adds more to the jigsaw."

■ BECKY Doorey, from Ashford, has been a foster carer for nearly five years.

She said: "I wanted to make a difference. I was working in a job I didn't particularly like and thought about what I wanted to do. I wanted to work with children and help improve their lives.

"Fostering was something I had toyed with for a very long time, but I never thought I would be what a foster carer was needed to be, so I held back quite a while. But since then I haven't looked back.

"I really enjoy doing it – caring for children and getting the chance to make a difference in their lives. I have been able to do lots of training, I have professional qualifications now.

"I am really enjoying making a difference."

■ JANET and Malcolm Hines, from Folkestone, said: "We became treatment foster carers, through coming onto the programme with a young person who was displaying complex needs.

"Due to the attachment we had we all came over together and the programme was a success for this young person.

"Once this young person moved on, we stayed with TFC because we found the programme meets the young people's needs, there is a lot of support for the young people and ourselves as foster carers."

■ FOLKESTONE'S Dave Ashford has been a foster carer for 10 years.

He said: "I now mainly look after disabled children. In a previous life I was a carpenter and joiner, but I had some problems with my back, which meant I had to stop that job.

"We toyed with fostering, both my wife and myself, and I decided to try and become foster carer. We have had about 100 children – the way I describe it is that my daughter has had about 100 brothers and sisters.

"This is what I do and I thoroughly enjoy it. Sometimes I get a bit upset when some of those children move on."

■ MARY Howse, from Staplehurst, has been a short breaks foster carer for three years.

She said: "Short breaks foster care is where disabled children come and stay with you for a specified number of days, which means their parents can have a break.

"Both myself and my husband Bob had been foster caring before moving into the short breaks scheme. I see it being really positive as it can relieve the pressure of home life."

■ DAD-of-two Justin Dummigan, from Ramsgate, has been fostering for six years.

He said: "My parents fostered when I was a child. When I met my wife it was more a case of when we fostered, rather than if. We took the approach to foster while our children were young so they have always grown up with it and so far it has worked well.

"I was 12 when my mum and dad started to foster. I can remember it being hard because I was used to my own space, but I got used to it. There are lots of different aspects to fostering, you have to be quite flexible.

"There can be times when it is difficult, but the positives far outweigh the negatives. There is a lot of support and training available."

Caring for a child who really needs someone that cares

MANY people try to make a difference to the world we live in.

Some do charity work, some go into the world of medicine, and some become foster parents, looking after children who through no fault of their own suddenly find they need someone to take them under their wing.

The reasons are myriad, but there is always one common thread – a requirement to be in the care of someone who really does care.

So what do you need to become a foster parent, apart from a loving nature?

Well, you need to be over 25, single, married, or just living as a couple and have at least one spare bedroom.

Of course, you need to always be available to the child and have the ability to learn and rise to the challenge of fostering.

You will must commit to a continuous training and development programme and have a strong supportive family and friends network.

The range of ages needing to be fostered can run from new born to 18-years-old, and can include children with physical disabilities, those with autistic spectrum disorders, and young people seeking asylum.

One woman, we are just calling Jill, knows how rewarding it can be.

The 43-year-old has been a foster carer for 13 years and is registered to take care of three children under 10-years-old. She lives in Medway with her husband and they also have three children of their own.

Traumatised

Jill said: "Fostering has been a very exciting job and the transformation you can make to a vulnerable child's life is very rewarding.

"You do need good observation and recording skills, as well as a lot of empathy for the child.

"You also need to see past the quiet child sitting playing, that everyone says 'they are so good' – and see the traumatised child with all the worries in the world, but unable to speak about them.

"It has not been the easiest job and is definitely not 9-5, but these are the lives that will be the future and they just need steering along the right track. For many of the children, just coming into an organised home with a routine is completely alien for them.

"Much like if you woke up one morning in a different part of the world where people spoke differently and ate differently, how would you cope?"

And Justin Dummigan, from Thanet, who has been fostering for six years, added: "My parents fostered when I was a child and when I met my wife and had a family of my own it was more a case of when we foster, as opposed to if we foster.

"Growing up in a family that fostered had a positive impact on me. It made me grow as a person and gave me the skills I need to be a carer.

"That said, there's lots and lots of training available. The training diary is always packed. There's training to cover all aspects of fostering – every placement is different.

"There is lots of support available for potential new carers as well."

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UK's 10,000 shortage in foster carers

IN SPITE of the financial incentives and the emotional satisfaction that being a foster parent can bestow on a person, there remains a shortage in Kent and the UK, ***writes Chris Murphy***.

It is estimated another 10,000 foster carers are needed across the UK. Demand has never been higher and adverts appealing for members of the public to consider it as an option are all over the place.

Daniel Croft, manager of Moments Fostering Agency in Canterbury said: "Unfortunately, there is a shortage of foster carers in the UK. Just over 10,000 new carers are needed immediately.

"More carers means the more likely it is that a good match can be found for a child, in terms of location, culture, language, religion, background, lifestyle and even interests.

"It's about finding a foster home for a child that feels familiar to them; where they can feel comfortable whether they are there for two weeks, two months or two years."

And there is no doubt about the benefits.

Vince and Helen Harpum, both 43 from Medway, have been foster carers for six years.

The couple have four children of their own, and are currently fostering an eight-year-old child on a long-term placement until they are 18.

After being made redundant last summer, Vincent is currently undertaking an NVQ3 in children and families, as he has become increasingly committed to fostering, as well as helping out with transport for children and occasional respite day care.

Humbled

Helen, a primary school teacher, said: "When we first considered becoming foster carers we probably hoped we would be able to share our life experiences and family's way of life with a child or young person and that they would benefit from this, and we hope this has happened for all of those we have cared for.

"We probably anticipated that our own values and lifestyle would help show children and young people that there are certain rules and expectations needed in life and we hope that this has been the case.

"However, while we have risen to the challenges, we have also been humbled by the experiences.

"We have bigger hearts and more open minds as a result.

"Over the years as our ever-changing 'family' has altered in number, personality and age range, we have made new friends, learnt new skills, developed ourselves, too.

"Our lives have been touched by all of those we have fostered and their own families, that we have had the privilege to share with.

"As foster carers we have seen children develop, mature and become confident, happy and healthy young people.

"We have seen broken families reconciled, or new families created and all of this has been reward enough for us.

"We never expected the bonus of how much of an effect that fostering would have on changing our own lives, too – for the better of course."

Medway Council's director of children and adult services Rose Collinson said: "Foster carers do a fantastic and selfless job for children. Every child deserves the best possible start in life and our foster carers are making such a difference to the lives of children and young people in Medway.

"We are lucky to have some wonderful foster carers in Medway, but there are still many other young people who desperately need the stability, security and comfort of a family, and I would encourage more people to get involved in what is a truly rewarding role and become a foster carer."

Foundation is at forefront of giving abused children path to a better life

WHEN Ben was a little boy and misbehaved, as all youngsters sometimes do, his mother and father locked him away in a cupboard.

When his parents went to the pub, he was locked away again. He never went out to play with other children – his world was the dark recesses of the cupboard.

Neglect and casual cruelty blighted Ben's early years, until local social workers stepped in and he was taken into care.

Happily, he was found a place at the Caldecott Foundation at Smeeth, near Ashford, which has been caring for vulnerable children for almost a century and is recognised as one of the leading centres of its type in Britain.

Ben stayed at Caldecott for two years. He lived in a warm and welcoming home, was given therapy to help him overcome his fears and anger – as he had no previous interaction with other children Ben often got into fights – and he studied for GCSEs at the Caldecott School.

It took two years of intensive therapy, nurture and care to stabilise Ben and help rebuild his life.

Today, he lives with foster parents which Caldecott found for him, a middle-aged couple with a grown-up family of their own, who have continued the work of helping him come to terms with his past.

Ben attends mainstream secondary school, is looking forward to his sixth form studies and perhaps going onto college.

He is a lively and intelligent individual who has developed a passion for how computers are built and work.

All the signs are good that this story, which had such a grim beginning, will have a happy outcome.

Now, Caldecott is looking for other foster carers to help troubled children like Ben.

Keith Nix, Caldecott's head of fostering, said: "We specialise in looking after children whose lives have been traumatised by abuse and neglect and we need to find very special foster carers in Kent."

The fostering service was initially set up to provide a pathway to family living for some of the children who had lived at Caldecott for some time.

However, the organisation is increasingly receiving enquiries from local authorities throughout the UK to find foster homes for other children who have come from deprived backgrounds.

"As a result, we are widening our search for carers", said Keith, "and we know there are people in Kent who could provide just the sort of loving homes that these children need."

Not surprisingly many children who have suffered extreme trauma and disruption in their lives have challenging patterns of behaviour and complex emotional needs.

"The foster carers we are looking for will be totally committed, have patience and a sense of humour", said Keith.

"Ideally, they will also have experience of working with children, even if that simply means having had children of their own.

"Each child has a need to feel valued and supported in a safe environment with clear boundaries and expectations. Helping them turn their lives around is an incredibly rewarding experience."

The Caldecott Foundation is also looking for carers to help parents of babies, particularly single young mothers, who are having difficulty coping.

"Some young mums struggle to bond with their babies, or need support in learning how to feed, bath or change a baby," said Keith.

"We need foster carers to bring them into their home, even for a short time, to help them develop these skills."

Experience

Caldecott offers a comprehensive package of support for their foster carers, tailored to the Government's Every Child Matters strategy, with benefits including intensive training, 24-hour on-call support and highly competitive rates of pay.

Crucially, carers will have the backing of an organisation which has almost a century of experience in looking after some of Britain's most neglected and deprived young people.

Potential carers requiring more information about fostering opportunities can contact Keith Nix, Erica Eversfield or Tracey Nixon on 01303 815648 or email fostering@caldecottfoundation.co.uk.

OFFERING HOPE: Keith Nix, is the head of fostering at the Caldecott Foundation

Skill and commitment essential ingredients for those wishing to join the fostering team

MEDWAY Council has worked hard to make fostering work.

We asked the authority what is expected of their foster parents.

The council said: "Being a foster carer involves caring for a child in your own home. This may be for a short period of a few months or for a longer time. In some instances, children and teenagers can need foster care through until they become young adults.

"Working with children and their families is a highly responsible and demanding job that requires a high level of relevant skill and commitment.

"The process of becoming a foster carer reflects these factors, which are endorsed through references, training and a detailed home assessment. Fostering will have an impact on all family members and persons within the home. They will be part of the assessment process to varying degrees.

"Subject to approval, each registered foster carer is allocated a named fostering social worker, who supervises them and their family in caring for the child.

"Foster carers must be able to react and respond to a wide variety of situations and circumstances.

"Patience, understanding, good communication and commitment are fundamental skills required to enable a child or teenager come to terms with their own personal experiences. Such skills are also required to help carers understand and manage child behaviour.

"An essential skill of being a foster carer is a willingness to work with the child's family.

"Carers must be flexible and able to respond to different issues and also have the ability to carry forward the identified tasks established in the child's care plan.

"Other aspects of the work require foster carers to represent a child at meetings and reviews, promote contact between the child and his or her own family, and contribute to the assessment of the child's needs.

"As a foster carer you will be involved as a member of a team, all of whom work to meet the needs of the child.

"There are many different types of fostering, varying in length of stay and the needs of the child or young person. Priority is given to those people who come forward to respond to an individual child's needs or who are able to offer a particular range of care depending on the child's age, such as children up to 10-years-old, five to 16-years-old, or over 11-years-old."

And the council needs to boost numbers. It said currently Medway Council's Fostering Team needs foster carers for several groups.

These include short-term fostering, for children up to 10-years-old and brothers and sisters who wish to stay together; teenage fostering, for young people between 11 and 16-years-old; long-term fostering, for named children who need a permanent home; special needs fostering, for children with a disability or learning difficulty; mother and baby, for young mothers or families who need an assessment of their parenting abilities.

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Courses on offer include agriculture, animal management, countryside management, fisheries management, floristry, equine studies and horticulture. Call 0500 551434 or email enquiries@hadlow.ac.uk.

Meanwhile, an open day is taking place at the same college on Saturday, June 19.

Prospective students will have the chance to meet current tutors, explore the campuses and learn more about the courses on offer.

The event runs from 11am until 4pm.

Speak the lingo on your holiday

BASIC foreign language courses are being held to help those planning to holiday abroad this year.

Run by Kent Adult Education, the courses are designed to give students enough knowledge to get by, as well as an insight into the cultures of the countries covered.

Both courses – entitled French for Your Holiday and Italian For Your Holiday – are being held at Associate House in Ashford.

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Free scheme to get jobless back in employment

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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JOBSEEKERS are being urged to sign up for a range of free courses designed to help them get back into employment.

The Work Focused Training Scheme is being delivered through MidKent College's business development unit as part of an agreement with the Jobcentre to help boost the local economy.

It is being targeted at adults aged over 19 who have been unemployed for between six and 12 months and referred to the college by their local Jobcentre.

A similar scheme had earlier led to more than 380 people learning valuable new skills.

Training consultant Carole Carter said: "Work Focused Training is a 10-day programme that helps clients gain skills in various areas, including warehousing, construction and advanced security operations.

"We delivered our first contract so well that we now have a further contract to train yet more clients with the aim of finding them work."

Certificates

MidKent College has been providing education and training in the county for more than 100 years.

Courses are run from one of three different campuses in Gillingham, Chatham and Maidstone.

Mrs Carter said: "Clients attend their chosen course either here at MidKent College or with our partners at Mainstream in Sittingbourne, and leave at the end of 10 days with qualifications that will have a positive impact on their employability.

"For example, if someone goes through our course in warehousing then they can come out with a fork-lift truck qualification and certificates in manual handling and stock control.

"With these certificates they can go forward to work straight away."

In addition to the Work Focused Training Scheme, the college has also launched the Young Person's Guarantee for young adults aged between 18 and 24 who are classified as Neets (not in education, employment or training).

Those eligible have a choice of two courses to help them find work, while a similar guarantee to non-Neets provides specific training to meet industry requirements.

Arts chancellor role for Rhodes

ICONIC fashion designer Zandra Rhodes has been officially installed as the first Chancellor of the University for the Creative Arts.

The Chatham-born talent created her own colourful robes for the inauguration ceremony, when she was installed by UCA chairman and former MasterChef host Loyd Grossman.

She said: "I will make it my utmost priority to ensure future generations of students continue to have the same positive and inspiring experiences as I did."

Rhodes studied at the Medway College of Design, one of UCA's founder institutions. Today the university has campuses in Canterbury, Maidstone and Rochester.

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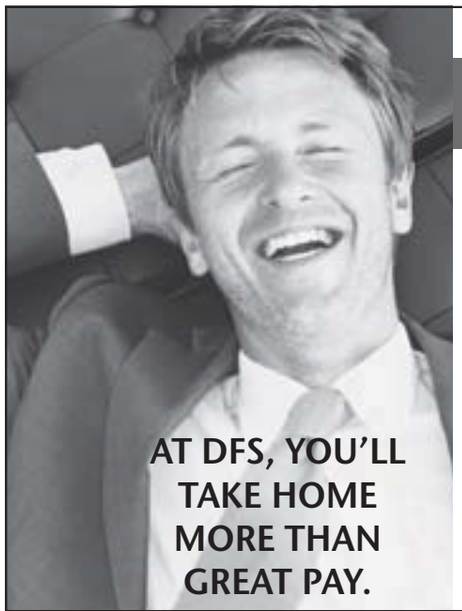

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Physiotherapy Administrator

to cover Margate and Ashford
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Closing date for applications – 16 June 2010

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Jenny Avery-Stevens, Physiotherapy Manager on 01843 235019

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Jo Edwards
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(Paediatric/Adult trained)

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Closing date for applications – 16 June 2010

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Closing date: Wednesday 2 June 2010

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Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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We wish to appoint an experienced and dedicated administrative member of staff to the permanent position of Headteacher's PA to support her continuing to deliver a high level of leadership at our successful school. You will be the key confidential secretarial and administrative support for the Headteacher, line managing the main Office staff and working alongside the leadership team to help continue to move the school forward. The successful applicant must:

- Have strong interpersonal skills and demonstrate a high level of efficiency.
- Be able to liaise and communicate confidently with all levels of the school and its local community.
- Be confident to work independently, take initiative and multi-task.
- Have a cheerful disposition and demonstrate a positive outlook.
- Be a self-motivated worker who enjoys working in a school with young people.
- Be a positive, professional role model to the admin team.
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Closing Date - 27th May 2010 at 10.00am
Interviews - w/c 7th June 2010

The school is very conveniently located – 50 minutes to central London by train; 5 minutes to Ebbsfleet International Station; 15 minutes to the M25. Candidates are very welcome to visit the school. Please call to make arrangements.

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Full job description and application form available on our website at www.northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk. Application by fully completed application form with supporting letter to Mrs S Chisholm at the school (tel: 0844 477 2525) or email: personnel@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk.

The successful applicant will be subject to a full CRB check.

Closing date for applications: Friday, 4 June 2010

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The Borough of Swale is a diverse area with a fast growing population providing both opportunities and challenges to its communities.

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We are seeking a creative and self-motivated individual to work sensitively with both the local communities and agencies to deliver a programme of projects and activities to address local issues and needs and encourage participation.

You will have proven experience of working in a community development setting with a range of different communities e.g. age ranges, faiths and races.

The successful post holder will join Swale Borough Council's Community Team but will be based in Sheerness.

This is a fixed term post until 31 March 2011. Secondment or job-share would be considered.

To discuss the position please contact Kirsty Gaunt, Community Development Officer on 01795 417457 kirstygaunt@swale.gov.uk

Closing Date: 7th June 2010
Interviews: w/c 14th June 2010

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Tel: 01227 789977
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Office Clerk/Secretary
Chatham
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Network Health & Beauty Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email info@nhab.co.uk

BOOKINGS ADMINISTRATOR
Tunbridge Wells
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Skinner & Reeves
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07803 928320
Email anne@skinnerandreeves.com

ADMINISTRATOR
Ashford
Salary: £13,011
Closing Date: Monday 7th June 2010
To apply/more information: Heath Farm Family Services
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01233 712030
Email wcameron@heathfarm.org

OFFICE ASSISTANT
Tunbridge Wells
Salary: £11,000
To apply/more information: Drake & Fletcher
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01892 559915
Email mail@drakes.biz

Catering, Hospitality

Part Time Team Members
Maidstone
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: KFC
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email staff@castlebarn.myzen.co.uk

CHEF D'PARTIE
Tunbridge Wells
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Beacon (The)
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01892 524252
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Kitchen Assistant
Canterbury
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Littlebourne House
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 721527
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Child Care

Nursery Manager
Sevenoaks
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Squiggles Child Care
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 461146
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Room Leader for baby room
Sevenoaks
Salary: TBA
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Level 3 Qualified Nursery Nurses
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To apply/more information: Squiggles Child Care
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Tel: 01732 461146
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Holiday Cover/Bank Staff
Sevenoaks
Salary: TBA

To apply/more information: Squiggles Child Care
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 461146
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Construction, Architecture, Surveyors

Plasterer
Hythe
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Charlier Construction
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 268211
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Education, Teacher, School

Headteacher's Personal Assistant
Gravesend
Salary: Pro rata to £19,959.29 to £22875.30 pa
To apply/more information: Thames View Junior School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email k.allen@ thamesview.kent.sch.uk

Skills and Employability Coaches
Kent
Salary: £16k – £22k pro rata
Closing Date: 7th June
To apply/more information: Just One Step Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07969 463 809
Email julie@justonestep.co,uk

Academic Coach for English
Dartford
Salary: £14,170 to £15,738 p.a.
Closing Date: Friday, 4 June 2010
To apply/more information: Northfleet School for Girls
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0844 477 2525
Email personnel@ northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk

Part-Time Teacher of PE
Gravesend
Salary: See below
Closing Date: Wednesday 9 June 2010
To apply/more information: Gravesend Grammar School for Girl
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01474 352896
Email enquiries@ggsg.org.uk

Part-Time Teacher of Music
Gravesend
Salary: See below
Closing Date: Wednesday 9 June 2010
To apply/more information: Gravesend Grammar School for Girl
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01474 352896
Email enquiries@ggsg.org.uk

Advanced Skills Lecturer in Civil Engineering
Medway
Salary: £40,512 per annum
Closing Date: Wednesday 2 June 2010
To apply/more information: Mid Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 383102
Email job.applications@midkent.ac.uk

Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

Engineering Apprentices
Medway
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: IPS International Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email janiceclarke@ips-international.com

Estate Agency, Property

Bairstow Eves - Trainee Estate Agents
Kent
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Mann & Co
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email sarah.mcglinchey@ bairstowevescountrywide.co.uk

Leisure, Tourism, Travel

Manager and Promoter
Canterbury
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Kent Bars
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email Kent.bars@googlemail.com

Motor Trade, Driver

Experienced Car Sales Executive
Bexley
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Whitehouse (Dartford)
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 020 8304 8198
Email trevor.howard@ whitehousegroup.co.uk

Experienced Sales Administrator
Bexley
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Whitehouse (Dartford)
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 020 8304 8198
Email trevor.howard@ whitehousegroup.co.uk

Fully skilled M.O.T tester and mechanics
Dartford
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Claremont Motors
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0208 8542325
Email infowelling@ claremontmotors.co.uk

Service Receptionist
Dartford
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Claremont Motors
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0208 8542325
Email infowelling@ claremontmotors.co.uk

Experienced Sales Executive
Maidstone
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Whitehouse Maidstone
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email mark.wood@ whitehousegroup.co.uk

Sunday Receptionist
Maidstone
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Whitehouse Maidstone

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SALES ADMINISTRATOR

Sevenoaks
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Caffyns Peugeot
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 740740
Email sue.byrom@caffyns.co.uk

Drivers and Child Supervisors

Tonbridge
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: GMS Travel Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 355866
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Weekend Taxi Drivers

Tonbridge
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: GMS Travel Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 355866
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Not for profit, Charities

Support Workers - Swale District

Isle of Sheppey
Salary: £5.33 - £8.49 per hour
Closing Date: 11/06/10
To apply/more information: Lynda Salisbury East Kent Mencap
Quoting Job Ref: CSW0004
Tel: 01843-224482
Email Lynda.Salisbury@eastkentmencap.co.uk

Support Workers - Swale District

Sittingbourne
Salary: £5.33 - £8.49 per hour
Closing Date: 11/06/10
To apply/more information: Lynda Salisbury East Kent Mencap
Quoting Job Ref: CSW0004
Tel: 01843-224482
Email Lynda.Salisbury@eastkentmencap.co.uk

Support Workers - Swale District

Faversham
Salary: £5.33 - £8.49
Closing Date: 11/06/10
To apply/more information: Lynda Salisbury East Kent Mencap
Quoting Job Ref: CSW0004
Tel: 01843-224482
Email Lynda.Salisbury@eastkentmencap.co.uk

Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

Massage Therapist

Canterbury
Salary: 8 - 22 k per annum
Closing Date: 31/05/10
To apply/more information: Practice Manager Wellness Practice
Quoting Job Ref: masthe 001
Tel: 01227 789977
Email admin@idealspinecentre.co.uk

Marketing, Sales and Communication

Canterbury
Salary: 12,500-26,500 depending on skils
Closing Date: 31/05/10
To apply/more information: Dr. Tracy Harley Wellness Practice
Quoting Job Ref: 2010-02
Tel: 01227 789977
Email drtracyharley@googlemail.com

Assistant Manager

Folkestone
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Cumbria House Residential Home
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 254019
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Career in Care

Canterbury
Salary: TBA
To find out more call 01227 265899 or visit www.allseasons.org.uk
To apply/more information: Enterprising Opportunities
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 265899
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Registered Nurse

Sandwich
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: High View Oast Nursing Home
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01304 813333
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

FULL TIME SUPPORT WORKERS

Herne Bay
Salary: TBA
HARBOUR HOMES UK LTD Our new care home is opening in Herne bay this week. We are looking for FULL TIME SUPPORT WORKERS with experience in working with adults with enduring mental illness and complex needs. Please contact George Macalister on 01227 360287 or on 07768514531
To apply/more information: Harbour Care Homes
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 360287
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Part time Dental Nurse

Chatham
Salary: TBA
Part time position available for a dental nurse in our modern dental practice. Experience preferred but not essential as full training is provided. Hours include 4 afternoons and 2 mornings a week. Salary in keeping with the BDA guidelines. Please send your CV and hand written covering letter to Dr. Ryan, 1 Lavender Close, Chatham, Kent, ME5 0PU.
To apply/more information: Lavendar Close Dental Practice
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

SENIOR SUPPORT WORKERS

Sittingbourne
Salary: £15,250
ACH is a fast-growing organisation, developing new, highquality residential homes for adults with Learning Disabilities. Due to our continued growth we now require the following staff to complement our team at our home in BOBBING SENIOR SUPPORT WORKERS Salary from £15,250 SUPPORT WORKERS Salary £13,250 For an application pack please visit our website at www.achuk.com Alternatively e-mail louise.burrows@achuk.com or contact Human Resources on 0208 502 8871.
To apply/more information: ACH Care Homes Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0208 502 8871
Email louise.burrows@achuk.com

SUPPORT WORKERS

Sittingbourne
Salary: £13,250
ACH is a fast-growing organisation, developing new, highquality residential homes for adults with Learning Disabilities. Due to our continued growth we now require the following staff to complement our team at our home in BOBBING SENIOR SUPPORT WORKERS Salary from £15,250 SUPPORT WORKERS Salary £13,250 For an application pack please visit our website at www.achuk.com Alternatively e-mail louise.burrows@achuk.com or contact Human Resources on 0208 502 8871.
To apply/more information: ACH Care Homes Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0208 502 8871
Email louise.burrows@achuk.com

care assistants

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
Kent SCP are currently recruiting skilled and inexperienced care assistants, community carers and support workers across Kent. Call 01622 765365
To apply/more information: Kent Social Care Professionals
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01622 765365
Email info@kentscp.com

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Community Carers

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
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To apply/more information: Kent Social Care Professionals
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01622 765365
Email info@kentscp.com

Support Worker

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
Kent SCP are currently recruiting skilled and inexperienced care assistants, community carers and support workers across Kent. Call 01622 765365.
To apply/more information: Kent Social Care Professionals
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01622 765365
Email info@kentscp.com

PCP SUPPORT WORKERS x 2

Gravesend
Salary: £10.39 per hour
Closing Date: Friday 28th May 2010
PCP SUPPORT WORKERS x 2 Working with people with learning disabilities across Dartford, Swanley & Gravesham Salary £10.39 per hour, 28 hours per week (Fixed Term for 1 year) • Do you want to make a difference by helping people to realise and fulfil their aspirations? • Can you use your creative skills to support individuals to make plans for their future? • Do you have experience in supporting people with learning disabilities and people with complex needs? • Are you good at building relationships? If so we want to hear from you! This is an exciting and rewarding post for an enthusiastic, self-motivated person with excellent people skills. You will be working closely with individuals, families, carers' and support staff in the development of person centred plans and their implementation. This post involves flexibile working hours including some evenings and weekends. For an application pack and more information please contact: Jaki on 01474 354479 or email jaki@nwkcvs.org Closing date: Friday 28th May 2010
Interviews: Thursday 17th June
To apply/more information: North West Kent Council for Voluntary Services
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01474 354479
Email jaki@nwkcvs.org

Experienced Part Time Dental Receptionist/Nurse

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
A five star private dental clinic with a great team need an Experienced Part Time Dental Receptionist/Nurse Are you a team player, customer service orientated and eager to explore new ideas to achieve excellence? Friendly, positive attitude and willingness to learn fast is a big advantage. Must be able to cover holiday and sickness. For more details call 01732 522255.
To apply/more information: IQ Dental & Implant Centre
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 522255
Email info@iqdental.co.uk

Domestic Staff

Canterbury
Salary: TBA
Littlebourne House Care Home A busy family run home require dedicated Domestic Staff and Kitchen Assistant For more information please call Amanda – 01227 721527 Mon - Fri
To apply/more information: Littlebourne House
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 721527
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

TEAM MANAGER

Ashford
Salary: £38,000 - £45,000
Closing Date: Monday 7th June 2010
Heath Farm Foster Care, Education & Therapy To support our continued growth and development we are seeking to recruit the following position TEAM MANAGER (New Post) £38,000 - £45,000 • Company Car Provided We are seeking an experienced, highly motivated and forward thinking social worker to manage the social work team towards achieving best outcomes for children and young people through providing high levels of support to carers and effective coordination of Heath Farm services. Social Work Qualification and GSCC Registration essential.
BENEFITS INCLUDE: To the right candidates we can offer a range of benefits including excellent working conditions, private health care insurance, company pension scheme and access to regular supervision and professional development.
Closing date for both applications is Monday 7th June 2010 Interviews will take place w/c 14th June 2010 Heath Farm is an Equal Opportunities employer and operates a no smoking policy. If you have the ability and qualities required and wish to join a successful and growing organisation where your skills will be appreciated, email wcameron@heathfarm.org for an application pack Tel: 01233 712030.
To apply/more information: Heath Farm Family Services
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01233 712030
Email wcameron@heathfarm.org

Care Workers

Ashford
Salary: TBA
Care Workers Needed For small expanding company based in Kennington. Various hours available, but will need to be flexible due to hours. Experience not necessary as training will be provided. Car driver essential. All local work in Ashford and surrounding areas. Please call – 01233 610542.
To apply/more information: One 2 One
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01233 610542
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Print, Packaging, Distribution

Print Finisher/ collator operator

Dartford
Salary: £14k - £16k
Closing Date: 30/05/10
Experienced collator operator required for North Kent Divider manufacturer. Experienced Setmaster operator's only should apply. Inthe first instance applicants should apply in writing to Unit 9 Optima Park, Thames Road, Dartford, DA1 4QX.
To apply/more information: BDS Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01322 524673
Email paul@bds4tabs.com

No 1 all-rounder Night Print Finisher

Tunbridge Wells
Salary: £28,800
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To apply/more information: Fox Print Services
Quoting Job Ref: NPF-001
Email Rebecca.oldroyd@foxprintservices.co.uk

Public Sector, Social Services

Community Cohesion Officer

Sheerness
Salary: £21,659 to £28,805
Closing Date: 7th June 2010
Community Cohesion Officer Sheerness Salary - £21,659 to £28,805 37 hours p.w. The Borough of Swale is a diverse area with a fast growing population providing both opportunities and challenges to its communities. Sheerness and the Isle of Sheppey in particular are experiencing significant changes and to help ensure that Sheerness has a strong, active and engaged community, a Community Cohesion Officer is required for Sheerness. We are seeking a creative and self-motivated individual to work sensitively with both the local communities and agencies to deliver a programme of projects and activities to address local issues and needs and encourage participation. You will have proven experience of working in a community development setting with a range of different communities e.g. age ranges, faiths and races. The successful post holder will join Swale Borough Council's Community Team but will be based in Sheerness. This is a fixed term post until 31 March 2011. Secondment or job-share would be considered. To discuss the position please contact Kirsty Gaunt, Community Development Officer on 01795 417457 kirstygaunt@swale.gov.uk
Closing Date: 7th June 2010
Interviews: w/c 14th June 2010
To apply/more information: Swale Borough Council
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 417457
Email kirstygaunt@swale.gov.uk

Retail, Wholesale, Sales

Sales People

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
Sales People Required for expanding food company. Full training and company vehicle supplied. Tel: Bob on 01622 670100
To apply/more information: Ocean Delights
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01622 670100
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Salesperson

Tunbridge Wells
Salary: OTE £35k
Savings Bonus Plan Join the DFS sales team and you'll get the best of both worlds: great pay and fantastic job satisfaction. If you get a buzz out of talking to customers andhelping them to choose the perfect sofa, we want to hear from you. If you've got sales experience then great, if not, we'll give you the best training in the business and every opportunity to build a long and more than great pay, call us now on 01302 573333
To apply/more information: www.dfs.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 68/05/1/10
Tel: 01302 573333
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

PUBLIC NOTICE

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS – NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/10/00918/FL – The Old School House Addington Green Addington West Malling Kent ME19 5BE – Mr P Catt is applying for single storey side extension. Reason: CA HH

TM/10/00974/FL – Yotes Court Mereworth Road Mereworth Maidstone Kent ME18 5JQ – Mrs Susannah Ricci is applying for creation of a new drive and entrance off the Mereworth Road, removal of existing driveway including gates, cattlegrids, fencing and landscaping . Reason: CA LB

TM/10/00992/FL – Church Of St Thomas Of Canterbury 28 Holborough Road Snodland Kent ME6 5PB – Berry Estates Ltd are applying for redevelopment of former church site with a terrace of four no. 2 bedroom houses and one no. 3 bedroom house with associated new access, car parking and bin storage. Reason: CA GPI

TM/10/00803/FL – 45 Bradbourne Lane Ditton Aylesford Kent ME20 6PD – Mr John Sellick is applying for replacement of existing dwelling with a new 3 bedroom dwelling. Reason: CA

TM/10/01229/FL – Fremlins Dell Comp Lane Offham West Malling Kent ME19 5NW – Mr P Garrod is applying for convert bungalow into two storey dwelling with bedroom, en-suite and dressing room within the attic. Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Reason: CA HH

TM/10/00990/FL – Land Adjacent Endeavour House 259 Forstal Road Aylesford Kent ME20 7AP – T-Mobile UK Ltd And Hutchision 3G UK Ltd are applying for installation of a 20m high monopole supporting 3 no. antennas and 4 no. dish antennas; ground based radio equipment housing and ancillary equipment. Reason: TEL

TM/10/00183/FL – Kildonan St Marys Road Wrotham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 7AP – Mrs Helen Atkinson is applying for rear conservatory. Reason: CA HH

TM/10/00979/FL – Golding Orchard The Street Plaxtol Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0QG – Mr And Mrs Fulford are applying for erection of steel and glass veranda. Decorative steel frame with aluminium glazing bars and 6mm clear toughened glass. Reason: CA HH

TM/10/01090/FL – Keelers Yopps Green Plaxtol Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0PY – Mr And Mrs Tomlinson are applying for provision of tiled gable roof detail to roof valley to allow headroom for staircase to 2nd floor, pursuant to planning approval TM09/02399/FL. Reason: CA HH

TM/10/00858/FL & TM/10/00859/CA – Cricket Pavilion High Street Wrotham Sevenoaks Kent – Ms Lesley Cox is applying for proposal to build a new cricket pavilion with multi function community uses and to demolish the existing pavilion building. Reason: DEPART CA

TM/10/01105/FL – Kirby Cottage The Street Plaxtol Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0QH – Mr George Plommer is applying for front porch. Reason: CA LB

Reasons for the case being publicised:

LB	Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting
CA	Application is within/affects a Conservation Area
DEPART	Application does not accord with the Development Plan
GPI	Application is of general Public Interest
TEL	Telecommunications development on a site of 1ha or more
HH	Householder application - As this is a householder application, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about this application will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

These applications are displayed on our website www.tmbc.gov.uk – click on the button "Online Planning" (then View Existing Applications and select Public Access). You can submit your comments by emailing to planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk (please quote the application number by the date set out below). Please note that we will publish a copy of any representations received on the Council's website, including your name and address.

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 13 June 2010.

David Hughes
Chief Executive

23 May 2010

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

POUNDHURST ROAD, RUCKINGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new electrical supply, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Poundhurst Road, Ruckinge, on and after 24 May 2010, for an estimated period of 5 days or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed outside Fairfield House. The alternative route for through traffic will be via Stone Cross Road, and Stonegate Lane.

FOOTPATH BETWEEN OAST MEADOW AND TAYWOOD CLOSE, ASHFORD (RESTRICTIONS ON PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of connections to wastwater piplines for a new housing development, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting pedestrians on the un-named footpath between Oast Meadow and Taywood Close, Ashford, on or after 24 May 2010, for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until the works are complete.

The footpath will be closed for its entire length. The alternative route for pedestrians will be via Taywood Close, Harvey Road, Windmill Close and Oast Meadow.

HINXHILL ROAD, HINXHILL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of tree cutting and aerial replacement works on behalf of BT, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Hinxhill Road, Hinxhill on or after 8 June 2010 for an estimated period of 3 working days or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed between the junction with The Street and Court Lodge Farm. The alternative route for through traffic will be via The Street, A20 Hythe Road, Bockham Lane, Plumpton and Hinxhill Road.

The works will be carried out each day between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

This Order will come into force on 8 June 2010, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for up to 18 months. The Order will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be re-implemented if required for similar works within this period.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

GREENHILL GARDENS, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Greenhill Gardens, Herne Bay on or after 7 June 2010 for an estimated period of 8 weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via via Sea Street and Cobblers Bridge Road. The works will be carried out in phases, as shown below.

The first phase will be from the junction with Cobblers Bridge Road to the junction of the cul-de-sac section of Greenhill Gardens from 7 June 2010 for up to 4 weeks.

The second phase will be from the cul-de-sac to the junction with Greenhill Bridge Road from 5 July 2010 for up to 4 weeks.

A further closure will be needed in the vicinity of the junction with Greenhill Bridge Road, to be advised.

This Order will come into force on 8 June 2010, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are displayed, and will remain valid for up to 18 months. The Order will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be re-implemented when required for similar works, within this period.

HOMEWOOD ROAD AND SLEIGH ROAD, STURRY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Homewood Road and Sleigh Road, Sturry, on or after 7 June 2010, as shown below. The roads will each be closed at their junctions with Island Road.

Homewood Road will be closed from 7 June 2010 for up to 3 weeks. The alternate toute for through traffic is via Cedar Road, Sleigh Road and Island Road.

Sleigh Road will be closed from 5 July 2010 for up to 3 weeks. The alternate toute for through traffic is via Cedar Road, Homewood Road and Island Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads, Dartford as noted in attached Schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 24th May 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: as noted in the schedule.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate surface dressing works.

Schedule 1

Road Name:	**Highcross Road, Southfleet**
Extent:	From its junction with Whitehill Road and Betsham Road
Diversion:	Whitehill Road, Green Street Green Road and Sandbanks Hill.
Road Name:	**Betsham Road, Southfleet**
Extent:	From its junction with Westwood Road and Highcross Road
Diversion:	Station Road, Dale Road, Hook Green Road and Highcross Road.
Road Name:	**Sandbanks Hill, Southfleet**
Extent:	From its junction with Green Street Green Road and Highcross Road
Diversion:	Green Street Green Road, Whitehill Road and Highcross Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, STONE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic and prohibiting the use of through traffic on various roads, Stone as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 7th June 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 13th June 2010 and last approx 3 hours between 07.30 -10.30. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in the attached schedule.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the Bluewater Sweatshop 10K

Schedule 1

Road Name:	**Cotton Lane**
Extent:	No Left Turn from Cotton Lane to B2228 Cotton Lane
Road Name:	**Traffic prohibited travelling southbound on B2228 Cotton Lane**
Extent:	Whole length
Diversion:	A282 Dartford Tunnel Approach
Road Name:	**London Road**
Extent:	Road Closed between it junctions with B2228 Cotton Lane to St Clements Way
Diversion:	St Clements Way, Crossways Boulevard, Bob Dunn Way / A282 Dartford Tunnel Approach

B2174 PRINCES ROAD, DARTFORD (CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO CYCLE TRACK) HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

Notice is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under sections 65 and 66 (1) of the Highways Act 1980 and all other enabling powers, intends to introduce a shared pedestrian / cycle route along the B2174 Princes Road from its junction with the A207 Crayford Road to its junction with the A225 Lowfield Street

Copies of the plan showing the extent of the proposal can be inspected during normal working hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, Maidstone Kent, ME14 1XX and at Dartford Borough Council Offices, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR.

Anyone wishing to comment on the introduction of the shared Un-Segregated Pedestrian / Cycle Track on the B2174 Princes Road, Dartford should write to Diane Bourne, Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB, quoting the name of the Notice and reference "B1480300" stating their reasons, by not later than Monday 14th June 2010. Responses received after this date will not be included.

Schedule 1

(Conversion of Footway to Shared Un-Segregated Pedestrian / Cycle Track)

B2174 Princes Road, Dartford:

- on the north eastern then northern side from a point 48.0 metres north west of its junction with North Road, south eastwards then eastwards to its junction with A225 Lowfield Street

- on the south western side

(1) from the mid point of its junction with North Road, north westwards for a distance of 60.5 metres

(2) from the mid point of its junction with North Road, south eastwards for a distance of 25.0 metres

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

MOAT LANE & COOMBE LANE, ASH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of BT cabling works, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Moat Lane & Coombe Lane, Ash, on or after 7 June 2010 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until the works are complete.

The roads will be closed at various points as required for the works, as signposted on site. Every effort will be made to maintain access for residents when safe to do so. Access from Langdon Avenue into Coombe Lane may also be restricted, as shown on site. The alternative route for through traffic will be via The Street, New Street and Marshborough Road

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting and restricting the use of vehicular traffic on various roads, Gravesend as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 24th May 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last as noted in schedule 1. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in the schedule.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate winter damage carriageway repairs

Schedule 1

Road Name:	**Stone Street, Gravesend**
Extent:	Between the junctions with Rathmore Road and Clive Road
Date:	30th May 2010 for 1 day from 08.00am
Diversion:	Wrotham Road, Old Road West and Pelham Road.
Road Name:	**Stone Street, Gravesend**
Restriction:	Revoke left turn from Rathmore Road into Stone Street
Date:	30th May for 1 day from 08.00am
Road Name:	**Rathmore Road, Gravesend**
Extent:	Between the junctions with Stone Street and the car park exit
Date:	30th May 2010 for 1 day
Diversion:	Rathmore Road.
Road Name:	**Rathmore Road, Gravesend**
Restriction:	Temporary suspension of the one way working for duration of works
Date:	30th May 2010 for 1 day
Road Name:	**Darnley Road, Gravesend**
Extent:	Between the junctions with Pelham Road and Rathmore Road
Date:	6th June 2010 for 1 day
Diversion:	Darnley Road, New Road, Overcliffe, Lennox Road, Lennox Road East and Darnley Road.

WINGFIELD BANK, NORTHFLEET HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTION 116, STOPPING UP OF LAND

Notice is given that the Kent County Council propose to make an application to the Magistrates sitting at Dartford Magistrates Court on 7 July 2010 at 2pm for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land at the Wingfield Bank, Northfleet as shown in red on the plan on deposit.

A copy of this notice and the plan referred to are on deposit, and can be seen during normal office hours, at the main reception of Kent Highway Services at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ and at the offices of Gravesend Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent.

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Nicolette Davis of Kent Highway Services in writing at the address given below, or by telephone on 08458 247 800 (24 hour contact centre).

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

WINDMILL HILL, ULCOMBE (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Windmill Hill on or after Tuesday 25th May 2010 for a period of up to 10 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Eastwood Road, The Street, Ulcombe Hill, Lenham Road.

EDF Energy and BT apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to provide new service, ducting and replacing a pole and cables. Should you require any further information regarding these works, the contacts are: EDF – Tom Nolan on 01622 352599, BT (ducting) – Kenton Stewart on 01795 437805 and BT (pole and cables) – Tracy Zeal on 08700 500792.

STOCKETT LANE, TOVIL (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Stockett Lane from Abbey Gate Court to Little Abbey Gate House on or after Wednesday 9th June 2010 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Straw Mill Hill, Farleigh Hill, B2010 Dean Street, New Cut, Stockett Lane.

BT apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to lay ducting. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Leah Mellis on 01795 429800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

KNATTS VALLEY ROAD, WEST KINGSDOWN (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Knatts Valley Road, West Kingsdown from its junction with Hill Lane and Knatts Lane.

The Order will become effective on 7th June 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the restriction above will be via: Knatts Valley Road, Tinkerpot Lane and Knatts Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway overlay.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

VARIOUS ROADS, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Ramsgate, on or after 24 May 2010, for an estimated period of 5 weeks or until the works are complete.

Each of the roads shown below will be closed at their junction with Margate Road, for up to 5 weeks. The start date for each closure will be notified by advanced signage on site.

Road Name:	**Roman Road**
Diversion:	Margate Road and Newington Road
Road Name:	**Violet Road**
Diversion:	Margate Road, Northwood Road and Hopes Lane
Road Name:	**Fitzroy Road**
Diversion:	Margate Road, Newington Road and Roman Road

OLD CROSSING ROAD, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Old Crossing Road, Margate, on or after 24 May 2010, for an estimated period of 3 weeks or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed at the junction with Canterbury Road. The alternative route for through traffic will be via Canterbury Road, Bridge Road and Mutrix Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of works in connection with the construction of a cycle way, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Margate on or after 26 May 2010, as shown below.

Phase 1

Road Name:	**Grosvenor Place, Margate**
Extent:	the junction with Grosvenor Hill
Dates:	26 May 2010 for up to one week
Diversion:	Marine Gardens, Belgrave Road and Eaton Road
Road Name:	**Grosvenor Hill, Margate**
Extent:	between the junctions with Park Place and Grosvenor Place
Dates:	26 May 2010 for up to one week
Diversion:	Churchfields, Churchfield Place, Hawley Square, Cecil Street, Cecil Square, Queen Street, Marine Gardens, Belgrave Road and Eaton Road
Other Details:	The works will be carried out between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm, with the road re-opened outside these hours There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order in respect of Grosvenor Hill, between the junctions of Park Place and High Street.

Phase 2

Road Name:	**Victoria Road, Margate**
Extent:	between the junctions of Church Street and High Street
Dates:	14 June 2010 for up to 2 weeks
Diversion:	via Cowper Road, Arnold Road, St Peter's Footpath, Addiscombe Road, and St Peter's Road.
Other details:	The works will be carried out between the hours of 9.30 am and 2.45 pm, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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VARIOUS ROADS, THANET
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO 32) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of road:-

Road Name: **Eastchurch Road**
Extent:on the Northern side from the junction with Princess Margaret Avenue to the junction with Sandhurst Road

Road Name: **Sandhurst Road**
Extent: on the Southern side from the junction with Eastchurch Road to the junction with Knockholt Road

Road Name: **Knockholt Road**
Extent: on the Northern side from the junction with Botany Road to the junction with Springfield Road (includes the existing double yellow lines)

Road Name: **Springfield Road**
Extent: on the Southern side from the junction with Knockholt Road to the junction with Eastchurch Road

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way Ashford, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate, during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Transport and Development Team Leader, Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD

or by email to td.canterbury.thanet@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 21 June 2010.

FOADS HILL, RAMSGATE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of works in connection with the construction of the new East Kent Access Road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Foads Hill, Ramsgate on or after 7 June 2010. This is initially for an estimated period of 4 weeks. A further closure will also be necessary as advised.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Clive Road and Cliffs End Road. The alternative route for through traffic will be via Foads Hill, A299 Canterbury Road West, Lord of the Manor Interchange, A256 Sandwich Road and Cliffs End Road.

This Order will come into force on 8 June 2010, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for up to 18 months. The Order will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be re-implemented when required for similar works, within this period.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

MILL HALL & STATION ROAD LEVEL CROSSINGS, AYLESFORD
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Mill Hall and Station Road Level Crossings.

The dates and times for Mill Hall closures:

22:00hrs Friday 11 June 2010 to 06:00hrs Monday 14 June 2010
22:00hrs Monday 14 June 2010 to 05:00hrs Tuesday 15 June 2010
22:00hrs Tuesday 15 June 2010 to 05:00hrs Wednesday 16 June 2010
22:00hrs Friday 02 July 2010 to 04:00hrs Monday 05 July 2010
22:00hrs Monday 05 July 2010 to 05:00hrs Tuesday 06 July 2010
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22:00hrs Wednesday 07 July 2010 to 05:00hrs Thursday 08 July 2010
23:00hrs Wednesday 28 July 2010 to 05:00hrs Thursday 29 July 2010
22:00hrs Monday 02 August 2010 to 05:00hrs Tuesday 03 August 2010
22:00hrs Thursday 05 August 2010 to 05:00hrs Friday 06 August 2010
22:00hrs Monday 09 August 2010 to 05:00hrs Tuesday 10 August 2010
22:00hrs Thursday 12 August 2010 to 05:00hrs Friday 13 August 2010

The dates and times for Station Road closures:

22:00hrs Friday 25 June 2010 to 06:00hrs Monday 28 June 2010
22:00hrs Monday 28 June 2010 to 05:00hrs Tuesday 29 June 2010
22:00hrs Tuesday 29 June 2010 to 05:00hrs Wednesday 30 June 2010
22:00hrs Wednesday 30 June 2010 to 05:00hrs Thursday 01 July 2010
22:00hrs Tuesday 03 August 2010 to 05:00hrs Wednesday 04 August 2010
22:00hrs Wednesday 04 August 2010 to 05:00hrs Thursday 05 August 2010
22:00hrs Tuesday 10 August 2010 to 05:00hrs Wednesday 11 August 2010
22:00hrs Wednesday 11 August 2010 to 05:00hrs Thursday 12 August 2010

The alternative route for Station Road is via Hall Road, A20 London Road, Rocky Hill, Broadway, St Peter's Bridge, Fairmeadow, A229 Royal Engineers Road, Running Horse Roundabout, Forstal Road, Bailey Bridge Road. There is no alternative route for Mill Hall, access will be maintained but delays are expected.

Balfour Beatty RIS Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for track renewal purposes. Should you require any further information regarding these works, please contact Traffic Management Services Ltd on 01777 705053.

A228 CASTLE WAY/A228 LEYBOURNE BY-PASS, LEYBOURNE)
(PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic from turning right onto A228 Leybourne By-Pass from A228 Castle Way on or after Monday 7th June 2010 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is to turn left onto A228 Leybourne By-Pass to the Park Road Roundabout and return via the by-pass.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to replace traffic signal heads. Should you require any further information regarding these works, please contact Andrew Beck of Jacobs on 01622 666219

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

10/01552/HOUSE **Upper Scullsgate Hinksden Road, Benenden**
- Removal of existing outbuilding and construction of oak framed outbuilding in similar location (LB)

10/01440/HOUSE **Brattles Grange Tibbs Court Lane, Brenchley**
- Single-storey extension to kitchen in place of an extension built in 2003 (LB)

10/01442/LBC **Brattles Grange Tibbs Court Lane, Brenchley- Listed Building Consent** - Single-storey extension to kitchen in place of an extension built in 2003 (LB)

10/01399/FUL **Hartley Dyke Farmhouse Hartley Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Conversion of barn for holiday accommodation (revised application to TW/01/00965/FUL) (LB)

10/01402/LBC **Hartley Dyke Farmhouse Hartley Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Conversion of barn for holiday accommodation (revised application to TW/01/00966/LBC) (LB

10/01276/HOUSE **Poundlands Farm Biddenden Road, Frittenden**
- Demolition of former barracks building; Erection of single outbuilding containing garage/pool room and stables, outdoor swimming pool and tennis court with 2.75m high upvc covered chain link fence (LB)

10/01541/HOUSE **Poplar Cottage The Street, Frittenden**
- Single storey rear extension and bricking up of 2 no. ground floor windows on side elevation (CA)

10/01299/LBC **1-8 Colonnade Rye Road, Hawkhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Repairs to roof and columns (LB)

10/01522/FUL **The Old School House 3 Cumberland Walk, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Removal of Condition 1 of TW/08/02571 to allow permanent use of the building, and variation of Condition 2 to extend the hours of use for Thursdays, in line with hours of new premises license (CA)

10/01436/HOUSE **20 Lansdowne Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- First and second floor rear extension (CA)

10/01458/FULMJ **Direct 4 Filling Station 13 - 17 London Road, Southborough North**
- Demolition of existing petrol filling station and car dealership buildings and the construction of 28 No. dwellings and office; New road and landscaping (CA) (LB) (MAJOR)

10/01459/CAC **Direct 4 Filling Station 13 - 17 London Road, Southborough North**
- Conservation Area Consent - Demolition of existing petrol filling station and car dealership buildings (CA)

10/01548/FUL **Hollonds Farm Langton Road, Speldhurst**
- Conversion of existing barns and stables to form 2 dwellings (CA) (LB)

10/01550/LBC **Hollonds Farm Langton Road, Speldhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Conversion of existing barns and stables to form 2 dwellings (LB)

10/01546/HOUSE **67 St James Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, St James**
- Single storey side extension (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 22 May 2010

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

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Science

Part-Time Teacher of PE (Maternity Cover 0.4 FTE)

Required from Sept 2010
Main Professional Scale

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed PE Teacher to cover maternity leave from Sept 2010 to June 2011.

The ideal candidate will be able to teach KS3 and KS4 core PE. Willingness to contribute to extra-curricular activities would be an advantage. The role is part time maternity cover for 2 days a week or equivalent.

Part-Time Teacher of Music (Maternity Cover 0.6 FTE)

Required from Sept 2010
Main Professional Scale

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed Music Teacher to cover maternity leave from Sept 2010 to June 2011.

The ideal candidate will be able to teach music up to A level. Willingness to contribute to extra-curricular activities would be an advantage. The role is part time maternity cover for 3 days a week or equivalent.

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Application forms and further details are available from the School Office. Completed forms should be returned by post, fax or email for the attention of Mrs E Wilson, Headteacher no later than Wednesday 9 June 2010

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To underline this, a thoroughly modern version of the famous lion badge roars this new boldness.

And the first car to wear it, the RCZ, is a revolutionary car for both Peugeot and the market.

It marks a break from the brand's tradition of numerical model identities – it actually has a name, albeit one made of initials.

But while it might echo the Audi TT's styling, this is a sporty car in keeping with Peugeot's intention to champion eco-motoring using an array of technologies: internal combustion, hybrid, electric and, in the future, fuel cells.

It looks stunning with its distinctive lines, aluminium roof bars, double bubble roof and rear screen and exaggerated wheel arches, but this really is lean and mean sports car driving.

None of the models available this year has CO2 emissions above 170g/km or falls far short of averaging 40mpg, and a diesel hybrid, available in 2012, will deliver 95g/km and an average around 75mpg plus all-wheel drive – diesel to the front wheels and electric power to the rear.

For now, there is a choice of a lively turbocharged 156bhp 1.6-litre petrol or 163bhp 2.0-litre turbodiesel, with six-speed auto and uprated 200bhp versions of the former available later this year.

The 200bhp will hit 62mph in 7.6 seconds, but you wonder whether there is a real leader for this pride of lions to come, or will the hybrid do the job?

Of course, that redesigned lion emblem does not change one factor against this wonderfully brave car – badge snobbery.

While attending the launch, I was buttonholed by an onlooker who told me the car looked terrific, but had the 'wrong' badge on the bonnet.

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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader

The Countryman that can take to the rough

IT WOULD be interesting to hear what Sir Alec Issigonis – designer of the original Mini – thinks of the latest spin-off from the modern-day BMW version.

At least he would be familiar with the chosen name, Countryman, used to adorn estate versions of the 1960s icon.

However, this time around it applies to a crossover available with 4x4 for limited off-roading to add to its appeal as a more family-size Mini – the largest yet of the new generation and the first with four doors and five seats.

The new Countryman – the fourth distinct model in the range – will cost from £16,000 when it arrives in September, and be available with a choice of three petrol and two diesel engines.

It will also be the first of the reborn Minis not to be built at the car's spiritual home – the Cowley plant in Oxford. BMW cites high demand for all Minis as the reason why the Countryman will be made by Magna Steyr in Austria, though this plant's expertise in 4x4s undoubtedly helped.

By way of compensation though, BMW says the forthcoming Mini Coupé and Roadster models will be built in Oxford.

A baby 'Roller stroller' for the kids

VAUXHALL'S second generation Meriva arrives at dealers on June 18, priced from £15,495.

Wider and longer than before it also looks far more stylish with a distinctive stepped rear window line.

But the talking point is something it has in common with the latest Rolls-Royce Phantom and Ghost models; rearward opening back doors for easier access.

Once known as 'suicide doors' this format was banned in the 1960s, but the concept is back now, with modern safety features to prevent kids opening the so-called FlexDoors while the car is moving.

By opening to nearly 90 degrees, entry and exit is improved vastly, but it is parents with small children who will see most benefit as they pilot the kids in and out and strap them into their various seats, boosters and so on.

GreenLine II big savings

HAVING launched facelift Fabia supermini and Roomster MPV ranges, Skoda has unveiled ultra-eco GreenLine II versions.

These further reduce fuel consumption and CO2 emissions, using a new three-cylinder 1.2-litre diesel engine plus stop-start technology, energy recovery and an optiumum gearchange indicator on the dashboard.

This package enables a combined fuel consumption figure of 83.1mpg and road tax exempt CO2 emissions of 89g/km for the Fabia Estate GreenLine II, and 67.3mpg and 109g/km for the Roomster equivalent.

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DREAM MACHINES: Peugeot's 5008 (left) scooped the 2010 Diesel Car of the Year, while the VW Golf was voted the Best Medium Car

by STEVELOADER

Diesel awards dominated by consistent stars

PEUGEOT and Skoda – brands featured heavily this issue – dominated the 2010 Diesel Car magazine awards.

The top gong, Car of the Year, went to the quite luxurious seven-seat Peugeot 5008 after it had scooped the Best MPV section.

The French marque also landed two of three new categories: Best Crossover for its clever 3008 and Best Sports Car for the striking RCZ (see our First Drive feature).

Skoda's impressive yet affordable Superb also did a double: Best Large Car and Best Estate Car (see this week's road test).

Diesel Car's testers put more than 275 new cars through their paces for the 10 awards.

Editor Ian Robertson said: "We have seen a lot of talented contenders this year, despite the turmoil the motor industry has faced."

Of the 5008's overall win, he added: "It truly is the right car for the right times, with competitive pricing, generous equipment levels, a good all-round driving experience that is all wrapped up in a package that seats seven.

"What more could a family buyer want from a car?"

Some of the winners were familiar after topping their respective classes in last year's awards: the Ford Fiesta was Best Small Car, the VW Golf Best Medium Car, and the Skoda Superb saloon repeated Best Large Car. However, they were outdone by the Jaguar XF, which was Best Executive Car for the third year running.

Other winners were the Land Rover Discovery 4 for Best 4x4 and Toyota's Prius, which came out top in the new category of Best Eco Car.

'A mountain bike could fit in back'

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"But who's going to buy a Peugeot?" he sneered, adding that he drove a Range Rover Sport – a car I now loathe even more thanks to him.

I countered by pointing out that even in the cheapest, but still generous Sport trim, the RCZ undercuts the equivalent Audi TT by some margin – £20,450 versus £26,370.

Standard kit includes 18-inch alloys, folding rear seats, rear parking sensors and all the driving and safety aids you would expect.

It is such a bargain, in fact, that Peugeot expects to sell against more conventional coupés such as the VW Scirocco, hot hatches like the Ford Focus ST, coupé cabrios a la VW Eos and the Mini range.

And market watchers at CAP say the car's retained value after three years and 60,000 miles will be 46 per cent – close to the TT's 48.

This is a slap on the back for whoever decided to retain the styling of the RCZ concept car; it can't have been cheap to make the rear screen and roof.

How does it drive? Beautifully. It is front-wheel drive, but with a lovely balance making for fluid driving on a fast and winding road.

I actually preferred the diesel. Though it starts at £22,250 – a premium of £1,800 against the petrol car – it has extra low down response, is wonderfully smooth and feels more settled and poised.

But both versions are that rare beast – a sports car that is pleasurable even over long distances or a daily commute.

The cabin is of the high standard we have come to expect lately from Peugeot and the full leather dash and upholstery versions look like those of a car costing far more.

And it's practical too: the rear seats are no more than a 2+2 exercise and really only suited to kids, but the backs fold down and you could even stow a mountain bike in the boot.

Fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100 km) for the range of vehicles shown are: Urban: 30.7 (9.2 - 60.1 (4.7), Extra Urban: 48.7 (5.8) - 72.4 (3.9), Combined: 40.4 (7.0). C02 emissions are 165 - 110 g/km. 7 year / 100,000 mile manufacturer's warranty. See your local dealer or visit www.kia.co.uk for full warranty terms and conditions. Prices correct at time of going to press and specification is subject to change without notice. Models shown: 1.4 Rio 1 @ £6,395 On The Road (OTR) including £1,500 trade in allowance; 1.4 Ceed 1 @ £10,595 OTR including £2,000 trade in allowance; 1.6 Soul 1 @ £9,500 OTR including £2,000 trade in allowance; 1.4 Venga 1 @ £9,995 OTR including £1,500 trade in allowance and 1.0 Picanto 1 @ £5,395 OTR including £1,500 trade in allowance. OTR prices includes VAT, number plates, delivery, 12 months' Government Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) and Vehicle First Registration Fee. Metallic / mica paint is available at additional cost. Retail customers only. Subject to availability on vehicles registered between 01 April 2010 and 30 June 2010. Offer not available in conjunction with any other offer. Terms and conditions apply - please see your local dealer for full details.

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JUST in case you hadn't realised, it's 'get real' time on the motoring front.

The economy's in the mire, fuel prices have gone up 25 per cent in just a few months – though nobody seems clear why – and the banks we now all own won't lend us any money.

It's certainly no time to be a badge snob, but maybe just the right time for a car with snob appeal at the right price – the Skoda Superb Estate.

Okay, the Czech brand had a bit of a laugh last time out with its biggest model (2002-2008) – you didn't have to look hard to see it was a stretched version of an already ageing VW Passat.

But some people saw it for the bargain it was and that gave Skoda the confidence and budget to go for the all-new current car and it is Superb, especially for the money.

The saloon/hatch version came out in 2008, but has now been joined by a classy estate line-up from just £17,720 – that's £10,000 less than an entry model Audi A6 Avant (estate) or you can have our high spec Elegance test car for about the same money as the basic A6. You can even have a 'quattro' version – sorry Audi – from £25,105.

Of course, the badge snobs will have turned over by now so they won't realise that Elegance trim brings smart 18-inch alloys – alloys are standard on the Superb anyway – full and high-quality leather upholstery with electrically adjustable and heated front seats, sat nav, dual-zone climate control, chrome roof rails, rear parking sensors, gold plated bath taps… you get the picture.

The Elegance also comes with a nicely integrated and intuitive sound and navigation interface – why can't French manufacturers come up with something as simple to use as this?

Cabin finish is a little short of 'executive' in places, though everything is robust and the alloy touches are smart. There is plenty of useful stowage and big door pockets, too.

Higher spec versions like ours come with a luggage retaining system for the enormous boot, but this fell short of Skoda's usual standards for this type of thing – it's fiddly.

What really stands out though is the limo-like space for passengers in the back.

This could be an Achilles heel though, because I can see loads of these classy new Skodas ending up on cab ranks; a tribute to the Superb's space and durability, but that's not the upper crust territory that Skoda would like to attack.

DrivingReview

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for small amount

Then again, people are getting more realistic about brands and the Superb is an affordable luxury with a chassis set up to favour a comfortable ride without going wallowy on the bends. I think the blend is about right.

Our car was fitted with a smooth 170bhp turbodiesel and the excellent six-speed DSG twin-clutch automatic transmission option (£1,280) available to VW group brands like Skoda.

This combination delivers good performance (0-62mph in 8.9 seconds) yet sounds refined and should also average around 45mpg.

The DSG works particularly well, underlining how this is probably the way the market will go in future since keen drivers can have their cake and eat it, selecting full auto when in traffic and then making manual selections when there is a need to press on or enjoy a clear road. There is also a 'Sport' selection for extra oomph.

Skoda launched its original Superb in 1934, when the company was as famous as Rolls-Royce for upmarket cars. This new model does not disgrace that heritage.

DrivingPortfolio

SKODA SUPERB ESTATE 2.0TDI AUTO CR ELEGANCE £26,075

Driving appeal	★★★★
Image	★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
How green?	★★★
Road tax	£155/year
Best rival	Ford Mondeo

TheVerdict

DON'T LIKE: the silly boot organiser – great in theory, but poor in execution

NOT SURE: the brand name has yet managed to win over the badge snobs

REALLY LIKE: the fact that the same badge snobs have been given another slap

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FABIA LEVEL 1 5DR HATCH	1.2 6v 60 BHP (PETROL)	GF57HLE	OCTOBER '07	24120	DYNAMIC BLUE	£5,990.00
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FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR HATCH	1.6 16v AUTO (PETROL)	GL09ARZ	JUNE '09	TBA	ARCTIC GREEN	£9,290.00
FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR HATCH	1.4 TDi 80 BHP (DIESEL)	GD07CDX	JULY '07	12469	FLAMENCO RED	£7,490.00
FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR HATCH	1.4 TDi 80 BHP (DIESEL)	GJ58SYE	SEPTEMBER '08	TBA	BLACK MAGIC	£7,990.00
FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GL09APO	JULY '09	TBA	TANGERINE ORANGE	£8,990.00
FABIA LEVEL 3 5DR HATCH	1.6 16v 105 BHP (PETROL)	GL07TVM	JULY '07	26224	BLACK MAGIC	£7,990.00
FABIA AMBIENTE 5DR ESTATE	1.4 16v 100 BHP (PETROL)	GK56VDG	SEPTEMBER '06	22096	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£5,490.00
FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR ESTATE	1.2 12v 70 BHP (PETROL)	GK10YJF	MARCH '10	TBA	ROSSO BRUNELLO	£9,490.00
FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR ESTATE	1.4 TDi 80 BHP (DIESEL)	GF08VEA	MAY '08	22105	SATIN GREY	£9,490.00
FABIA LEVEL 3 5DR ESTATE	1.4 TDi 80 BHP (DIESEL)	GL08XRA	JUNE '08	13324	BRILLIANT SILVER	£10,490.00
FABIA BOHEMIA ESTATE	1.4 TDi 80 BHP (DIESEL)	GK56VDO	SEPTEMBER '06	17891	DIAMOND SILVER	£7,790.00
FABIA GREENLINE ESTATE	1.4 TDi 80 BHP (DIESEL)	GJ09NLO	MARCH '09	16799	BRILLIANT SILVER	£10,990.00

Roomster

ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 5DR MPV	1.4 16v 85 BHP (PETROL)	GL56HZR	DECEMBER '06	80713	OCEAN BLUE	£4,290.00
ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 5DR MPV	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GL56XJZ	FEBRUARY '07	60187	FLAMENCO RED	£6,990.00
ROOMSTER SE 5DR MPV	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GK10YJB	MARCH '10	TBA	STEEL GREY	£11,490.00
ROOMSTER SCOUT 5DR MPV	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	BK58ZDH	SEPTEMBER '08	16389	POLAR BLUE	£9,990.00
OCTAVIA CLASSIC 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	AE06NJF	APRIL '06	53734	DIAMOND SILVER	£6,990.00

Octavia

MODEL	ENGINE	REG	YEAR	MILES	COLOUR	PRICE
OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GJ56DFV	SEPTEMBER '06	37320	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£8,490.00
OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GD07LNP	AUGUST '07	14114	ISLAND GREEN	£9,990.00
OCTAVIA SE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GL59UJS	JANUARY '10	TBA	AQUA BLUE	£11,990.00
OCTAVIA SE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi DSG (DIESEL)	GK59ZKD	SEPTEMBER '09	TBA	AQUA BLUE	£12,990.00
OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 5DR HATCH	2.0 FSi 150 BHP (PETROL)	GK56VEH	SEPTEMBER '06	41095	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£7,490.00
OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 5DR HATCH	1.6 FSi 105 BHP (PETROL)	GK58NNE	SEPTEMBER '08	14458	FLAMENCO RED	£9,990.00
OCTAVIA L&K 5DR HATCH	2.0 TDi DSG (DIESEL)	GF07UAY	MAY '07	71411	SAHARA BEIGE	£9,490.00
OCTAVIA SPORT 5DR HATCH	2.0 TDi DSG (DIESEL)	GK56VDC	SEPTEMBER '06	23499	CORRIDA RED	£10,490.00
OCTAVIA VRS 5DR HATCH	2.0 FSi 200 BHP (PETROL)	GJ56ZZX	OCTOBER '06	34420	BLACK MAGIC	£9,990.00
OCTAVIA VRS 5DR HATCH	2.0 TDi 170 BHP (DIESEL)	GL59YPA	JANUARY '10	TBA	RACE BLUE	£15,990.00
OCTAVIA S 5DR ESTATE	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GK10YJW	MARCH '10	TBA	BRILLIANT SILVER	£13,290.00
OCTAVIA SE 5DR ESTATE	1.4 TSi 122 BHP (PETROL)	GK59ZKN	SEPTEMBER '09	TBA	ARCTIC GREEN	£11,990.00
OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 5DR ESTATE	1.6 TDi 105bhp (DIESEL)	GK10YJE	MARCH '10	TBA	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£14,490.00
OCTAVIA L&K 5DR ESTATE	1.8 TSi DSG (PETROL)	GK59ZKV	SEPTEMBER '09	TBA	ARCTIC GREEN	£18,990.00
OCTAVIA VRS 5DR ESTATE	2.0 FSi 200 BHP (PETROL)	GF06OJD	MAY '06	15307	BLACK MAGIC	£11,490.00
OCTAVIA VRS 5DR ESTATE	2.0 TDi 170 BHP (DIESEL)	GF08VEB	JUNE '08	41015	RACE BLUE	£12,990.00
OCTAVIA VRS 5DR ESTATE	2.0 TDi 170 BHP (DIESEL)	GK10YJV	MARCH '10	TBA	RACE BLUE	£17,490.00
OCTAVIA SCOUT 5DR ESTATE	2.0 TDi 140 BHP (DIESEL)	GL59YOW	JANUARY '10	TBA	ROSSO BRUNELLO	£18,990.00

Superb

SUPERB SE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GF58AYU	DECEMBER '08	50232	BLACK MAGIC	£12,990.00
SUPERB SE 5DR ESTATE	2.0 TDi 170 BHP (DIESEL)	GK10YJS	MARCH '10	TBA	STEEL GREY	£18,490.00

Yeti

YETI ELEGANCE 5DR HATCH	2.0 TDi 110 BHP (DIESEL)	GK10YJY	MARCH '10	TBA	BLACK MAGIC	£16,990.00

Other Makes

TOYOTA PREVIA GLS 5DR ESTATE	2.4 VVTI AUTO (PETROL)	EO03GKG	MARCH '03	58963	SILVER	£7,990.00
VW BEETLE CONVERTABLE	2.0 (PETROL)	GL04HCF	MAY '05	24175	SILVER	£8,690.00

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Motability

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147, 1.9 JTDm 16v DUCATI CORSE Q2, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black, 10200 miles, £13000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

147, 1.9 JTDm 16v DUCATI CORSE Q2, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black, 10200 miles, £13000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

147, 1.9 JTDm 16v DUCATI CORSE Q2, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black, 10200 miles, £13000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

159, JTDM 16v Lusso, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering, blue, 10000 miles, £15000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

159, JTDM 16v Lusso, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering, blue, 10000 miles, £15000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

159, JTDM 16v Lusso, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering, blue, 10000 miles, £15000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRERA, JTDM (210), 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering, red, 22250 miles, £15000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRERA, JTDM (210), 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering, red, 22250 miles, £15000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

BRERA, JTDM (210), 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering, red, 22250 miles, £15000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GT, JDTm, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black metallic, 54000 miles, £8825, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GT, JDTm, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black metallic, 54000 miles, £8825, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE) Civic, 1.8ESAUTO, 2006, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering, galaxy grey, 13500 miles, £10500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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CIVIC, ES, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control electric windows metallic paint mp3 player power fold mirrors power steering single cd player split folding rear seats trip computer curtain airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, black, 28400 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

JAZZ, S, 52, red, 54000 miles, £3495, HERRIDGE, FOLKESTONE, 01303 892398 (PRIVATE)

CIVIC, ES, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player sports seats tinted glass trip computer twin airbags isofix child seat points, galaxy grey, 12312 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8SE, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats tinted glass traction control, milano red, 7599 miles, £13500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.6SE, 2003, abs brakes alloy wheels full service history immobiliser metallic paint, green, 35000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.6SE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint, blue, 29000 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, SE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control electric windows full service history metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player traction control trip computer curtain airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, grey, 15000 miles, £10980, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8EXEC AUTO, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid split folding rear seats sun roof tinted glass traction control remote central locking, deep sapphire blue met, 7032 miles, £15500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.2 CTD-i ES, 2009, abs brakes alloy wheels climate control cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering panoramic sunroof remote central locking auto headlights and wipers, polished metal, 6000 miles, £16495, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8se, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint split folding rear seats tinted glass traction control, nighthawk black, 4566 miles, £13500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, TYPE-R 2.0, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering sports seats trip computer twin airbags, nighthawk black, 6910 miles, £16000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.4 vision, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels electric windows full service history immobiliser, silver, 52000 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, SE 1.8, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player climate control electric windows metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags remote central locking, grey, 27500 miles, £9495, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, Inspire S, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, silver, 40138 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8ES, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors, galaxy grey, 25000 miles, £11500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8 EX, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control electric windows metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags traction control panoramic sunroof isofix child seat points, blueish silver, 32871 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, ES, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats tinted glass traction control, milano red, 7599 miles, £13500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.6SE, 2003, abs brakes alloy wheels full service history immobiliser metallic paint, green, 35000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.6SE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint, blue, 29000 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, SE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control electric windows full service history metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player traction control trip computer curtain airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, grey, 15000 miles, £10980, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8EXEC AUTO, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid split folding rear seats sun roof tinted glass traction control remote central locking, deep sapphire blue met, 7032 miles, £15500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.2 CTD-i ES, 2009, abs brakes alloy wheels climate control cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering panoramic sunroof remote central locking auto headlights and wipers, polished metal, 6000 miles, £16495, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8se, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint split folding rear seats tinted glass traction control, nighthawk black, 4566 miles, £13500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, TYPE-R 2.0, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering sports seats trip computer twin airbags, nighthawk black, 6910 miles, £16000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.4 vision, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels electric windows full service history immobiliser, silver, 52000 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, SE 1.8, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player climate control electric windows metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags remote central locking, grey, 27500 miles, £9495, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, Inspire S, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, silver, 40138 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8ES, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors, galaxy grey, 25000 miles, £11500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8 EX, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control electric windows metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags traction control panoramic sunroof isofix child seat points, blueish silver, 32871 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.2SE/LEATHER, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint leather interior power steering, silver, 6000 miles, £14500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8 ES, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking climate control cruise control electric windows full service history metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags traction control panoramic sunroof isofix child seat points, blueish silver, 32871 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, EX I-Shift 1.8, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission bull bars central locking climate control cruise control electric windows front fog lights full service history metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering single cd player remote central locking, black, 21320 miles, £10695, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.2ES, 2006, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering, nighthawk black, 57363 miles, £9500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.2EXEC SATNAV/HFT, 2006, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels central locking climate control cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering satellite navigation, nighthawk black, 60800 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, S, 2003, silver, 49314 miles, £4999, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, EX, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights metallic paint mp3 player power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer panoramic sunroof, grey, 24273 miles, £11695, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, SE, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player traction control trip computer curtain airbags remote central locking, black, 23699 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.6SEAUTO, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint, silver, 40000 miles, £6795, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.4 TYPE-S, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser, milano red, 10521 miles, £12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8 EX, 2007, climate control cruise control electric windows front fog lights metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering satellite navigation tinted glass traction control front parking sensors remote central locking, black, 15000 miles, £12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8ESAUTO, 2006, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering, galaxy grey, 13500 miles, £10500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, ES, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control electric windows metallic paint mp3 player power fold mirrors power steering single cd player split folding rear seats trip computer curtain airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, black, 28400 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, ES, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player sports seats tinted glass trip computer twin airbags isofix child seat points, galaxy grey, 12312 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, S, 2002, metallic-magnetic blue, 59697 miles, £3200, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8ES, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats tinted glass, blue, 18000 miles, £11500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8 i-VTEC SE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering single cd player tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, over 4000 cars in group stock, 9500 miles, £10000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.2 CTDi ES, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats tonneau cover trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, red, 49121 miles, £10000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.2EXEC, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering satellite navigation, silver, 46000 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.2ES, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking cruise control diesel electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags, royal blue, 14600 miles, £13000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.6i SE EXECUTIVE, 2001, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, silver, 92991 miles, £3000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CIVIC, Inspire S, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, silver, 40138 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8 EX, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors satellite navigation sliding rear seats, royal blue, 44000 miles, £10500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8ES, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors, galaxy grey, 25000 miles, £11500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

VOLKSWAGEN

BEETLE, 2000, alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows power steering, blue, 52433 miles, £5400, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BEETLE, 2000, alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows power steering, blue, 52433 miles, £5400, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BEETLE, 2000, alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows power steering, blue, 52433 miles, £5400, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

BEETLE cabriolet, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer, luna red, 37669 miles, £10500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BEETLE cabriolet, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer, luna red, 37669 miles, £10500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

BEETLE cabriolet, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer, luna red, 37669 miles, £10500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BORA, SE TDI 100, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, black, 56456 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BORA, SE TDI 100, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, black, 56456 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BORA, SE TDI 100, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, black, 56456 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CADDY, C20 1.9TDI 104 bhp With Electric Pack & Air Con, ld56wna. cloth upholstery, ply-lined, side load door, barn doors, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, air bag, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, bulkhead, rear wash/wipe, head restraints, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, immobiliser, central locking, stability control, electric mirrors, white, 35000 miles, £7000, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

CADDY, C20 1.9 TDi 104 bhp With Air Con & Electric Pack, ld56wmx, alarm, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, ply-lined, bulkhead, side load door, barn doors, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, air bag, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, rear wash/wipe, stability control, central locking, lumbar support, electric mirrors, white, 26000 miles, £7495, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

CADDY, C20 SDi Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, lj06ejk, side load door, cd player, remote central locking, power steering, immobiliser, air bag, abs, grp lined. gah equipment. electric standby available if required. over fifty fridge vans in stock. www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 29000 miles, £8595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

CRAFTER, 35 109Tdi Mwb Hi-Roof Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, sc56nco, high roof, side load door, dual passenger seat, cd player, traction control, abs, air bag, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, grp lined. gah fridge. electric standby available if required. over fifty fridge vans in stock. www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 18000 miles, £15595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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MEMORIES of the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster will never be far from the mind of experienced ferry PR spokesman Chris Laming.

He tells us in the Big Interview how it changed his industry for ever. Can't help much on the issue of absenteeism during the World Cup footie though; read some of the silly excuses people will offer to watch matches on telly.

On a lighter note, I've also suggested Kent car dealers might fancy taking on the Russian Lada brand.

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Disturbing glimpse at life in the 'real' world

NEW research paints a disturbing picture of smaller Kent firms disillusioned by unsupportive banks and the failings of the recently ousted government, ***writes Steve Loader***.

Key findings from the survey by Maidstone-based accountancy firm Haines Watts shows show previous government initiatives provided little or no support during the recession and have largely been a waste of time.

Banks have exacerbated problems faced by struggling small businesses by restricting access to credit and forcing business owners to provide personal guarantees.

Haines Watts partner Tony Brand said: "The results reveal a disturbing picture of life in the real business world, where small-business owners don't have the faintest idea where to go for government help and where the measures already implemented have been a total failure.

"There needs to be far more emphasis on practical measures that help businesses with cash-flow, such as staggering the PAYE contributions.

"The much-lauded VAT reduction was actually of little help to most business owners, yet was the main tool deployed by the Treasury in an attempt to stimulate the economy.

"Most business people will have breathed a sigh of relief that the new government is blue and yellow rather than red and yellow.

"However, there is still trepidation that tax rises such as employee NI and VAT will stifle fragile growth in demand and at the same time lead to wage demands which could in turn stoke up inflation, putting pressure on interest rates.

SURVEY: Tony Brand of Haines Watts

"The Government has to learn that the only way to recovery is by a growing private sector – one that doesn't want the fire in its belly put out by a lethal combination of excessive taxation and red tape."

Key survey findings were:

- Only 14 per cent of businesses surveyed felt the VAT reduction had helped.
- 25 per cent of SME (small to medium-size enterprise) owners said they were being asked to provide personal guarantees by their banks.
- 20 per cent said their banks had sought to restrict access to credit during the recession.
- Only 11 per cent said information from the Department for Business Innovation and Skills had been useful – adding that government grants were impossible to access and information about them was hard to find
- Only 10 per cent would trust their bank to check business decisions, preferring to turn to other business owners (53 per cent) or their accountants (48).
- Tight bank control of credit could not have come at a worse time for owner-managed businesses, with 42 per cent of those surveyed confirming they had suffered cashflow problems as a result of the recession and 51.5 per cent were forced to make claims through the courts for unpaid bills.
- The competitive environment still remains fierce, with half of respondents bidding for work at below cost and 22 per cent pitching for work on a zero profit basis.

Mr Brand said: "When you combine the picture of destructive cost-cutting with rising import costs due to the weak pound, it appears we are entering a discount economy at a time that couldn't be worse."

Surprisingly though, while a third of business owners admitted the stress had adversely affected their relationship with family or a partner, and 27.3 per cent said stress had contributed to health problems, 84 per cent would still recommend running your own business and 68 per cent having a work/life balance with which they are happy.

Job numbers take off at Manston

FLYBE'S daily scheduled passenger flights between Kent's International Airport at Manston and Edinburgh, starting next Thursday, have boosted the local jobs market.

Infratil, Manston's owners, has recruited 20 new staff, all of whom live locally, to ensure the passengers of Flybe, Newmarket Holidays and CI Travel which operates charter flights and holidays to Jersey, have the best possible experience when passing through the airport.

The new staff will be responsible for check-in and customer service, as well as sales and marketing, operating the shop and airport security.

Manston now employs 112 people to manage the passenger and freight operations, including the recruits, who have just completed their training.

Tom Wilson, chief executive of Infratil Airports Europe, said: "With the new passenger services we are now able to deliver on our promise to increase the number of people employed at the airport and play an even bigger role in supporting the local economy.

"As well as the 112 employees, the airport also does business with more than 100 companies across Kent."

Marta Easton, Manston's senior customer services supervisor, said: "The team is very excited about the return of daily flights to the airport.

"By working closely with Flybe and charter airlines we are confident that our passengers will receive great customer service on a par, if not better than, any other regional airport."

The service will be operated by a 78-seat Bombardier Q-400 turboprop aircraft, claimed to be one of the quietest in of its type. Flights take 80 minutes and are priced £24.99 each way.

Comment

HERE'S a question for anyone in Kent's motor business: how do you fancy a Lada franchise? Yes, we may be about to see a return of the Russian car killed off by the good times before the UK's big crash – the car we now deserve, perhaps.

The laugh of it is that the Lada – the original design was taken from the 1960s-vintage Fiat 124 saloon – isn't even popular with increasingly westernised Russian consumers.

Like us, they've developed a taste for the better technologies of Japanese models and the snob value of a German badge on the bonnet.

But though the Russian economy is misfiring too, at least the country is still rich in natural resources – enough to see yet more Russian oligarchs buy property in London and pick up a football club for something to watch on a weekend.

Meanwhile, we are tightening our motoring belts in line with the faltering economy and it has not been helped by soaring petrol prices – a sharp contrast with the situation on the Continent and fuelling (sorry) inflation here.

Petrol retailers say they are not profiteering, but seem unable to come up with a convincing argument to back that support.

So, will talks between Renault and the Russian maker of the decrepit Lada succeed in restoring the famous austerity brand to Britain's affections?

I hope not. Despite being built to cope with old-style Soviet Russia's appalling weather, roads and occasionally dodgy fuel supplies, it didn't cope that well with the better conditions encountered here, prompting online motoring guru Honest John to highlight one of the car's good points – the toolkit.

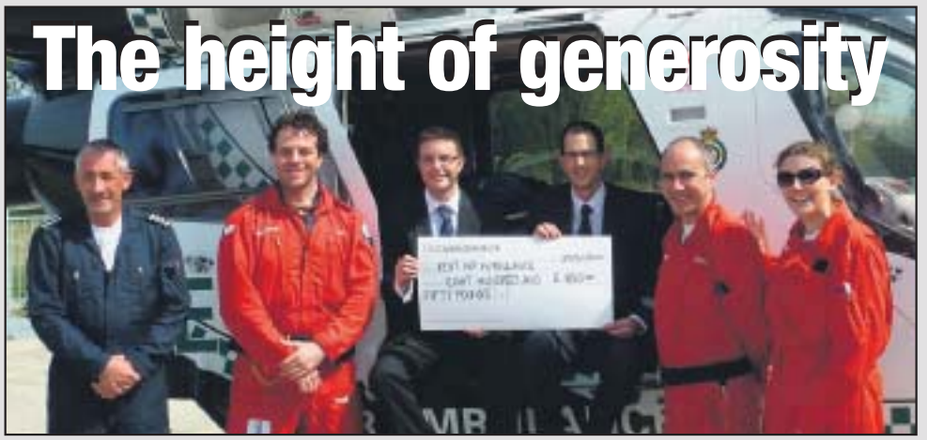
But the lure of what has been dubbed a 'credit crunch cruiser', which could be on sale for as little as five grand, may be impossible to resist for cash-strapped Brits who have had to ditch the brand snobbery fostered by the credit boom.

The revived car might need fresh colours though – most Ladas looked as though they had come off the same production line as the Red Army's tanks.

And if the car's 1977-97 heyday is anything to go by, there will be lots of work for prospective Kent dealers as they 'pretty up' the so-called finished article with necessary extras to satisfy spoilt buyers here.

STEVE LOADER, BUSINESS EDITOR

The height of generosity



FUNDS to keep the Kent Air Ambulance aloft have had a double boost.

Firstly, from a donation of £850 from staff at Clydesdale Bank's Tunbridge Wells Financial Solutions Centre (FSC) and, secondly, from the promise of a charity event being held by Biddenden Vineyards next month.

The bank's cash came from a charity auction of banknotes and Clydesdale business banking partner, Mark Lilliott, and private associate, Ben Jury, delivered the cheque to the Kent Air Ambulance headquarters at Marden, near Maidstone.

Lynn Hyder, county fundraiser for the Air Ambulance, said: "We're really grateful to Clydesdale Bank for this generous donation. It will make a real difference to the life-saving service we provide to the people of Kent."

More money will come from Biddenden Vineyards on Sunday, June 13, with free admission and tastings.

Visitors can sample products ranging from fish to cheese, and be able to meet the producers.

"We are delighted to support the Kent Air Ambulance once again at our fourth annual Taste the Best of Produced in Kent day," said MD Julian Barnes.

"It's a great chance to sample local produce and enjoy a day out among the vines in beautiful countryside."

Kent staff less likely to pull World Cup 'sickie'

By STEVE LOADER
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ONE in five employees in Kent and the south east will pull a 'sickie' during England's attempt to lift the World Cup in South Africa, starting in a few weeks.

Research showed that employees in Kent and the south east will skive an average of three days during the month-long tournament – making them more conscientious by half a day than the UK national average of 3.5 days.

But it still means an extra 32 million excuses nationally in just four weeks as fans phone or text their boss, faking illness.

Even one in six women will claim they can't make it into work so they can watch Fabio Capello's boys in action.

Some 4,000 people were polled by Continental Tyres and spokesman Tim Bailey said: "The World Cup is a massive event. It's clear fans will try almost anything not to miss a big game.

"As an official FIFA sponsor we understand the appeal of the matches, but maybe people should think ahead and follow the safer line of booking holiday rather risking a collision with their boss."

The survey found seven in 10 aim to watch the World Cup matches, one way or another.

Four in 10 supporters plan on checking scores, latest news and team line-ups at work for at least 22 minutes a day – or 5.5 hours throughout the tournament.

One in five will plan work meetings around football matches and the same number will sneak off early to 'meet a client'.

One in 10 diehard fans would even quit their job if they had a ticket for the World Cup final but were refused time off by their boss.

Favourite excuses quoted in the poll were: a dodgy stomach (28 per cent), feeling sick (23 per cent) and a headache (20 per cent).

And bosses beware: a cheeky one in six workers will lie and say their car won't start, have a sudden bout of food poisoning or simply feel dizzy.

One in 20 will even blame a death in the family for keeping them off work.

Two days off work may also be claimed by one in five workers after heavy nights partying with mates.

Seven in 10 fans reckon Capello is the right man to manage England to the World Cup final and 31 per cent think it is England's best-ever chance to lift the trophy.

But a quarter of women admitted they won't be watching the World Cup – because David Beckham isn't playing.

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Roll up for recruitment

SITTINGBOURNE Retail Association is hoping the appetising smell of a bacon roll can help its recruiting drive.

The organisation is hosting a breakfast event from 8am on Tuesday, at AE Barrow and Sons' bakery, 38a High Street, Sittingbourne.

The aim is to show retailers and traders how they can be involved in the future of the town centre, which has been hard hit by the downturn and has many vacant shops.

Swale Borough Council is backing the association's efforts and the authority's regeneration projects officer, Jill Read, said: "Building a strong retailers' association is key to making Sittingbourne the vibrant and attractive place that people want to visit.

"We want as many businesses as possible to come along to find out about the benefits of becoming a member and let local retailers know how they can help guide the future of the town. Simon at Barrow & Sons has offered to host the event and provide those in attendance with a free bacon roll and cup of tea, for which we are very grateful."

To attend or find out more, contact Jill Read 01795 417592 or email at jillread@swale.gov.uk.

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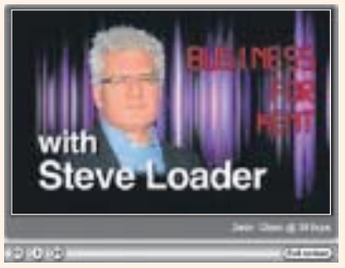

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ENGINEERING firm Jee has secured a three-year contract extension with oil and gas exploration giant Perenco.

Tonbridge-based Jee provides consultancy services to the sub-sea and offshore industry, working with companies in the oil, gas and renewable industry.

The Perenco deal involves 1,600km of pipelines and umbilicals in the North Sea. Jee's technical director Mike Hawkins said: "We have built a good relationship over the past six years and have developed not just a good understanding of Perenco's pipelines and systems, but a good understanding and appreciation of the needs and drivers of Perenco as an operator."

HEALTH insurance giant AXA PPP is hoping to make further inroads in the corporate health market with a new product aimed directly at large companies.

Called the Corporate Health Plan Pathways, it is aimed at employers with more than 75 staff and claims to differ from similar products. Rather than scheme members being referred to a named specialist by their GP, they simply obtain an open referral and AXA PPP finds them a suitable healthcare provider. The firm, which has its head office in Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells, believes this step can save clients up to 15 per cent.

AIM-listed technology company Synchronica has secured a sixth contract in Latin America.

The Tunbridge Wells-based firm, which specialises in mobile email, instant messaging and data synchronisation, has teamed up with a leading mobile operator in Panama with a 1.6 million subscriber base. It is Syncronica's is sixth new deal in Latin America and seventh overall for 2010.

RARE breeds smallholders and enthusiasts in Kent can now call on help from a new field officer for the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

Richard Broad will be working with the charity's members, breeders of native livestock and breed societies to provide practical help and information on rare and native breeds.

He said: "Within the membership we have many talents which I hope to help bring out to the benefit of the trust and rare breeds. If I can't help, I will try to find someone who can."

Visit www.rbst.org.uk or contact r.broad@rbst.org.uk for more details.

MAXIMUS Employment and Training, one of the UK's leading welfare-to-work providers, has opened new offices in the Argyle Centre, Ramsgate.

It joins other employment and learning-based organisations working within the centre, including SES Tutors-Learn Direct, TNG and Thanet College.

Maximus MD Glenn Zimmer said "We're extremely proud to be operating in this area. Our staff are committed to providing participants with the best possible service, ensuring they gain both rewarding and sustainable employment."

JOYLAND Books – the organisation that started the Save Dreamland campaign – has celebrated 10 years of retailing nostalgic and quirky publications. Joyland claims to be the first online retailer focusing on amusement park and fairground books.

Founder Nick Laister said: "I was writing a book on seaside arcades and decided I needed a website to promote it. As it turned out, the book [Pennies by the Sea] wasn't published until 2006 and sank without trace, by which time Joyland Books had grown into one of the most successful specialist retailers in the world."

High street backlash profits Charity Bank

RECORD growth by the Charity Bank may have been boosted by a backlash against its high street rivals, ***writes Chris Britcher***.

That was the view of the Tonbridge-based bank's chief executive Malcolm Hayday after buoyant 2009 figures were released.

He said: "I am especially pleased that private individuals are expressing their trust and confidence in a more transparent banking model that puts people at its heart.

"Charities, too, are recognising they can make a difference, not only through their day-to-day work but by also deciding where to place their money.

"At a time when commercial banks are under fire for reining back on lending, this enables us to continue to grow our lending portfolio."

The bank's strength of support for the social sector was confirmed by its 2009 figures. Loans to charities, social enterprises and community projects grew by 31 per cent year-on-year to £35.8 million in 2009 – a remarkable seven-fold increase since the bank launched in 2002. Deposits also grew 25 per cent in 2009 to £44m.

Its position in the market was reaffirmed recently when it scooped one of the top prizes at KOS Media's Business Challenge Awards.

That landed it a share of a marketing cash-pot to further raise its profile of providing loan finance and advice to charities, community associations, voluntary organisations, community businesses and social enterprises across the UK.

The bank also makes 100 per cent of its savers' money available for loans and expects the level of drawn loans – currently at £37.9m – to break through £40m in July for the first time ever. The backlash against commercial banks was underlined by more than 500 new deposit accounts opened in 2009 by individuals and other charities who want to support the charity sector.

Mr Hayday said: "Over the past year the stumbling economy has begun to strike charities hard. Income has fallen while demands for their services have increased.

"At this critical time, with the help of our depositors and investors, we have been able to increase our funding to charities and social enterprises. We have ambitious plans to increase our support to charities and other social profit organisations that address society's needs.

"With inevitable public spending cuts to come, we will continue to maximise our support to enterprises that are making a real difference."

The bank has also released details of the first social impact study of its lending activity. Key findings included:

- That 88 per cent of borrowers found a Charity Bank loan had made a major or significant contribution to the achievement of their mission.
- That 69 per cent secured additional sources of funding as a result of the loan.
- That 81.3 per cent of borrowers saw a major or significant improvement in facilities, enhancing their capacity to deliver services.
- And the number of volunteers working with the bank's borrowers rose substantially, by more than 67 per cent.

Sky's the limit, says meringue star

SWEET LIFE: Lynn Boulton of Head in the Clouds

HEAD in the Clouds might be the name of her company, but entrepreneur Lynn Bolton has a grounded view of where she's going.

She wants her Faversham and Whitstable-based luxury meringue brand to go national by 2012 and international by 2015.

It was this drive that made her a runner-up at the recent Kent 2020 showcase, gain coverage on Channel 4 News and Sky Art's Kitchen Secrets, plus an invitation to appear in the next series of TV's Dragons' Den.

She said: "Head in the Clouds has achieved an extraordinary amount and now we are looking for the right investors to take this to the next national and international levels. The sky really is the limit."

The company recently secured a tie-up with fellow Produced in Kent member Taywell, the award-winning ice-cream producer and farm shop operator, to produce a range of Head in the Clouds/Taywell ice-cream with meringue chunks.

"Innovation is at the heart of everything I do," Lynn said.

"It is an important ingredient in our secret recipe and unique soft centred, crumbly exterior meringue in over 40 original flavours.

"Innovation weaves its way through the packaging, the cherub logo and our company story. After extensive research, I knew I'd identified a gap in the market."

Head in the Clouds' production is based in Faversham and it sells online and direct via an outlet at Whitstable harbour, but also through a growing list of private, corporate and retail customers including farmers' markets across Kent and the South East.

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'My Business Week …'

James Speck, site director at Kent Science Park

MONDAY – Early into the office and straight down to work. Check emails – is it just me, or is the number of weekend emails growing? Team meeting to agree priorities for the days ahead and confirm who's visiting us.
Afternoon spent with tenants. Most are looking to take more space. Sign-off on a major campaign by marketing director Paul Price, which should hit the mark with prospective new arrivals.

TUESDAY – Meeting in London with the property team and investment surveyors to assess activity. 2010 looking good so far.
Returned for meeting with prospective new science-based tenant. Very exciting product; can't say too much, so will have to wait for them to sign up. Definite increase in inquiries from environmental technology companies, which bodes well for us and Kent.
Before heading home, take walk through common areas of buildings to check cleaning and security standards. Even check the toilets pass muster – my job's so glamorous!

WEDNESDAY – Journey slow this morning. The sooner we can get a new junction on the M2 and road link to the park the better. We're only 400 yards away, so it's a no-brainer from where I'm sitting and more people are starting to agree.
Meetings with tenants, two already working with Richard Wheeler, our business development director, to unlock investment for R&D.
Richard briefs me on positive meeting with University of Greenwich and a green technology collaboration is now tantalisingly close.
Met colleague Babs Knott for update on a raft of inquiries for prospective tenants and a current one, leases, lease renewals and business rates.

THURSDAY – Big day, best suit and tie, with visit of company considering taking more than 40,000 sq ft of laboratory space. That's a lot of space. If we secure this one the park will have helped bring another 100 jobs to Swale.
Afternoon spent discussing our potential investment in a biofuel combined heat and power facility developed with Aquafuel, one of our tenants. Good for the environment and could reduce our £900k annual electricity bill. Photo taken with new tenant – the Kent branch of the Institute of Directors – before heading home.

FRIDAY – Nice email from major prospect thanking us for the visit – fingers and toes crossed. Catch up with our project managers Stace, currently overseeing the construction of a data centre, a £17 million investment and on target for completion by the end of May.
Checked diary for next week and have meetings with Swale Borough Council, KCC, Locate in Kent, the Local Strategic Partnership, Kent Developers' Group, Private Sector Liaison Group, and Seeda's Innovation Growth Team. Makes this week seem like a breeze …

Channel disaster heralded Chris's baptism of fire

One of Kent's best known PR professionals, P&O Ferries' communications director Chris Laming paid his dues as a newspaper reporter, production manager and editor before 'crossing the floor'. He went on to an ever-evolving life in the ferry industry based around the Port of Dover – the busiest passenger port in the world – where the next industrial dispute on the other side of the Channel and the dreaded Operation Stack can even seem like routine. He spoke to Business for Kent editor STEVE LOADER about the challenges of PR

CHRIS LAMING

KOSmedia BUSINESS WEEK THE BIG INTERVIEW

IT HAD been "10 glorious months" for ferry industry public relations new boy Chris Laming. "I was liasing with all my old journalist chums, running press trips to France, and launching events and new products," he recalls.

"All totally different to being a scribe, but then it all changed and so did the ferry business. I had just got home on March 6, 1987, and the phone rang.

"The first reports of the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster at Zeebrugge were coming in and I soon found myself at Kent Police HQ in Maidstone.

"The set-up there was headed by experienced press office boss Dave Hatcher – later of TV's Crimewatch fame – and I was to act as a conduit between them and the company.

"It was a complete departure from what I had known and I'd had no training. I was dealing with top-level media interviews and enquiries and it was also very emotionally upsetting.

"This went on for four days before I had to rush to hospital as my wife, Pauline, gave birth to our first child.

TRAGEDY: Herald of Free Enterprise

"The news of the birth caused great celebration at police HQ – it must have been very uplifting amid all that sorrow and upset."

The ferry disaster killed 193 passengers and crew and was followed by a lengthy inquest and inquiry, and then measures to prevent any repetition.

Importantly for the man who had been through such a baptism of fire, the media's eye has never turned away from his industry since. But he reckons he had a great education to prepare for it. Not a university degree, but an equivalent three years as a trainee reporter.

He left Borden Grammar School in 1974 and joined his local paper, the East Kent Gazette in Sittingbourne, then owned by Parrett and Neves [later AKN].

"I loved writing, had an A grade O-level in English and being a reporter seemed like taking a degree, learning about public administration, the legal system … and there was a social life."

He later moved to the group's busier Chatham office and to the company's production centre at Crown Quay Lane, Sittingbourne. "I already had a dry sense of humour, but it was really fostered there in a sub-editors' room of big personalities, aged from 20 to their late 60s.

"I left after my three years' indentures [apprenticeship] though. Dad was a carpenter and reckoned 'apprentices' should move on after training and set out their stall somewhere else."

A succession of senior Kent posts in journalism followed, including editorship of a forerunner to Kent on Sunday.

Chris recalls: "Good Morning Sunday launched rather ominously on April 1, 1985. The quality was excellent, but it grew too fast, opening new offices and running a fleet of company cars.

"I managed to get a job back at AKN, but I had always fancied PR and saw a job going with the top ferry operator of the day, Townsend Thoresen."

After the Herald disaster and renaming as P&O, Chris chose a step up to PR manager at the rival Sealink, newly privatised and taken over soon after by Stena Line, where he later became a board director. This joint company later merged in turn with P&O to form the modern P&O Ferries, where he is communications director.

Now 53, he is masterminding publicity for the 2011 arrival of the two biggest ever ferries on the Dover-Calais route, the all-new Spirit of Britain and Spirit of France, at a cost of more than £330 million.

He said: "I'm proud that the ferry industry continues to improve and our business has grown year on year and delivers a proper choice to travellers. There's never a dull moment."

He speaks highly of the value of internal PR and liases closely with human resources (HR) colleagues to deliver briefings, monthly newsletters and annual road shows to P&O's other operations on the Irish Sea and at Portsmouth and Hull – staff must hear relevant news from the company first rather than third parties, he says.

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NEW SPIRIT: P&O Ferries is having two new ships built for the Dover-Calais route

He loves the sea and recalls he and brother Nick saving to buy a dilapidated Mirror dinghy for £30, but put his career before the sport for 20 years until son Michael drew the whole family back into it. Michael was in the GB catamaran racing development squad for six years and sister Lizzie also sailed to a high level. Chris currently has a Dart 18 catamaran, but still finds little time for this and his other hobbies, photography and learning classical guitar.

"I now embarrass everyone with the four chords I've learned and have discovered it's also excruciatingly hard and painful."

A long-time interest in skiing is on hold, though. He and his family survived an avalanche disaster in Galtur, Austria in 2001: "There was huge noise as our hotel was hit by the avalanche. Fortunately, the windows didn't break, but 39 people were killed in the village."

AT THE HELM: Chris Laming sails a Dart 18 catamaran

Trapped in the hotel, he became the eyes and ears of the UK press, filing copy and giving live interviews by phone. Eventually, helicopters staged the evacuation of his family and 6,000 other people.

A few seasons later they were again in Austria when four people died in an avalanche at Obergurgl.

Chris says: "We'd had enough of skiing by then. We went to Las Vegas the following year."

Asked about PR's future, he insists the rudiments will never change, despite fast-moving media technology: "Some people can't distinguish between marketing/advertising and PR, but it was once explained simply to me as, Man goes into pub and says, 'I'm the best looking guy in the world'.

"That's advertising. But if he goes in and someone else says, 'I hear you're the best looking guy in the world', then that's PR.

"It's that third party credibility via the media that lends credence to a story and it comes from understanding what journalists want and cultivating good contacts, as you promote and protect the company and brand and aim to prepare for any turn of events.

"But you need a good team like mine. I'm backed by the head of press and PR Brian Rees – a colleague for 20 years – and by Michelle Ulyatt and Natalie Hardy. You also need to be a people person and know the tricks of the trade. The world is full of PR people, but many don't have the right skills. PR is best served by the ex-journalist, who will know what the press and media want. What they want and what the company requires may be diametrically opposite though, and a PR person needs to be able to run a background programme inside the head asking continually: 'Now, is the next thing I say going to get me the sack?' An example of how not to do it would be Gerald Ratner, who had been running the country's most successful High Street jewellers until he announced famously that it was based on selling crap. Bosses beware. Anyone holding high office anywhere needs to understand and train to deal with the media and a media test should be part of any prospective employment of a CEO or MD."

CHRIS'S TOP TIPS

- PR needs a voice at the top: "I became a director of P&O Stena in 2000. I'm proud to be involved at the highest level, but also convinced that, for PR to do its job, it must have a place at the boardroom table. You have to be there to help fellow directors shape the strategy."
- Journalistic training is the best preparation for a job in PR.
- Have a good team in place – you can't do it all yourself.
- Insist that the boss has media training.

CLEAR BLUE WATER: The Spirit of Britain and Spirit of France will arrive in 2011

CHRIS LAMING'S CV

- 1974 – joins the Parrett & Neves (AKN) newspaper group
- 1977 – joins the Kent Messenger as magazine division production editor and later feature writer for the Evening Post
- 1984 – deputy editor Adscene newspapers
- 1985 – launch editor for Good Morning Sunday, later rejoining AKN
- 1986 – enters PR with Townsend Thoresen (later P&O)
- 1988 – PR manager at Sealink, which later merges with Stena Line and becomes PR and board director
- 2000 – Director of communications P&O Stena Line
- 2003 – Communications director of P&O Ferries
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations

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Constructive spirit helps apprentices

CONSTRUCTIONSKILLS is calling for Kent's largest building firms to help stimulate a 'spirit of apprenticeships' throughout their sector, ***writes Steve Loader***.

At a time when research shows 22 per cent of companies across the South East have slashed their intake of apprentices due to the recession, the Government-backed Sector Skills Council (SSC) for the construction industry wants bigger operators to influence and encourage their own suppliers to also set up and sponsor apprenticeships.

Many major contractors already want smaller firms in the supply chain to demonstrate an active training culture before awarding work, and ConstructionSkills aims to make this count even more.

Its regional strategy adviser Hilary Davies said: "There is a real need for more employers to take an apprentice on, but many of the smaller companies in the South East don't feel they have the capacity or time to do so. What we need is for smaller companies to understand the process of taking on an apprentice, what the businesses benefits are and how they can access help and support, both from us, and from larger companies."

Carl Heslop, a special works manager and apprentice employer at national construction firm Morgan Ashurst, agreed.

He said: "Morgan Ashurst needs a robust supply chain and we've spent a lot of time developing ours to ensure that a wide range of different skills are covered by the firms we work with in order to produce the output we need.

"Apprentices are key to this and a very important part of our culture, so if companies in the South East want to work with us it is essential for them to demonstrate that they share our values by taking on and developing apprentices."

There are also fears that inaction now will spark a severe skills shortages in the future, which Dax Smith of Chatham-based Dax Brickwork Contractors, highlighted.

"It's so important to bring apprentices into the industry," he said.

"We have had some excellent trainees. Providing employer-led training is not only crucial to their future but to the future of the whole industry."

The discussion on why apprentices are good for business continues on ConstructionSkills' YouTube site – www.youtube.com/user/ConstructionSkills, and there is more information for businesses at www.cskills.org

ConstructionSkills helps fund and train would-be apprentices and support their firm's management of the recruits to an industry that generates eight per cent of the UK's GDP and a turnover of more than £210bn a year.

Dragon Duncan pulls a pink pint

DRAGONS' Den entrepreneur Duncan Bannatyne has backed a Drink Pink cancer charity campaign across a chain of Kent pubs.

And he has inspired a limited edition ale, Thirsty Dragon, which joins a collection of other drinks promoting the pink emblem of Against Breast Cancer.

Guests at seven Ember Inns pubs in Bexleyheath, Bromley, Orpington, Chislehurst, West Wickham and Warlingham are being encouraged during the chain's nationwide campaign (May 24-June 19) to swap their regular drink for a pink tipple including ciders, long drinks and cocktails.

Mr Bannatyne said: "I'm happy that, in its fifth year, the Drink Pink campaign is aiming to top last year's fundraising success of £50,000.

"But I'm going to get some stick from my wife Jo and kids for turning into a Thirsty Dragon during June."

Jane Hennessy, manager at The George in Bromley, said: "We're confident that through the campaign donations and fundraising events we have planned we will definitely hit the target of £60,000 – it's going to be an outstanding year."

Gordon Vallance, director at Against Breast Cancer, said: "Ember guests have helped raise £140,000 so far by drinking pink, the equivalent of enabling us to fund, for a year, three more scientists at University College London and University of Westminster.

DUNCAN BANNATYNE

BEER that kept British troops fighting on the beaches during World War Two will again be drunk in France after a revival by the Westerham Brewery close to wartime leader Sir Winston Churchill's home of Chartwell.

The barrels of British Bulldog bitter will accompany an expeditionary force to commemorate the Dunkirk evacuation of 1940. The reborn beer has been named with Churchill in mind.

Westerham Brewery inherited recipes from the old Black Eagle Brewery, popular for its Westerham Ales from 1723 until its demise in 1965.

The ale once dubbed "the beer that biffed Rommel" during the campaign in North Africa will now fuel the Dunkirk Dynamo commemoration from Thursday.

The project involves a small army of volunteers – plus about 20 historic military vehicles – who will be fed by chefs from the Royal Logistic Corps from an authentic 1940s-style field kitchen.

Over the weekend of May 29-30, the party will host a British evening for their French hosts, at which British Bulldog will be freely available.

Best practice makes perfect

TWO Kent firms won awards at the Best Practice Ceremony organised by the Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS) for the South East.

Cooper Crouse-Hinds (UK) of Sheerness, which makes bespoke housings of steel, aluminium alloy and stainless steel, was named overall regional Best Practice Winner for its commitment to continuous improvement.

The company's Nigel Brown received the accolade.

Broadstairs-based Silent Gliss, a leading global supplier of luxury motorised and manual curtain and blind systems, won the Kent Best Practice Club category for continued efforts towards operational excellence. MD Simon Waller picked up the award.

More than 100 manufacturers entered the awards, gathered from eight Best Practice Clubs set up by MAS South East.

The clubs' objective is to deliver strong and sustainable growth by encouraging collaboration between manufacturers. Network manager for MAS, Mark Knowlton, said: "The Best Practice Clubs help companies share knowledge, expertise and experience, enabling manufacturers to review progress in areas such as leadership, customer focus, skills development, growth, innovation and operational excellence.

NIGEL BROWN

SIMON WALLER

"Since the Best Practice Network formed four years ago, members have benefited from £23 million of added value."

Programme manager David Caddle said: "Manufacturing is an important sector in the region and it's vital firms demonstrate their successes in order to benefit others.

"By encouraging collaboration, the region will continue achieving strong and sustainable growth and businesses will be ready to take advantage of opportunities as the economy goes from strength to strength." The ceremony was held at the RBS Williams F1 Conference Centre, Oxfordshire.

'Devine' inspiration opens door to new venture for Shaun

REDUNDANCY after the crash of the Threshers group led Shaun Kendrick to fulfil a dream to own and run his own wine merchants.

By **STEVE LOADER**
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It was no fleeting vision either, as he tried to buy out the same shop in Headcorn High Street some four years ago when Threshers took over long-standing rival, Unwins.

But he was persuaded to stay on as manager, only to see Threshers fail last year, with competition from the big supermarkets taking much of the blame.

Mr Kendrick, who re-launched his old shop as the cleverly-named Devine Wine Company (Kent) this weekend, after securing a finance package through NatWest, is not so sure about Threshers' demise though.

"I don't think the Threshers management was really listening the people at the coal face and I've felt for some time – I've been in the business 16 years – that there is a call for premium products for educated wine drinkers.

"You simply cannot compete with the supermarkets by selling everyday brands like Fosters, Gallo and Jacob's Creek."

While he will still stock popular brands of beers and wines, he recognised that building a loyal and regular customer base would rely on him selling high-quality wines, identifying affordable 'finds' and spotting the wine regions on the up – he said southern French and premium Italian wines are vastly improved yet underrated.

For now, he is concentrating on retail customers, but also expects to build a wholesale business for local restaurants and corporate businesses keen to find the best and newest wines.

Mr Kendrick spent 14 years in the photographic and exhibitions business, but always had a hankering for retail. "I'm a people person and I'm now in charge of my own operations. I couldn't be happier," he said.

He has also taken on two of his former Threshers staff and re-opened after a facelift of the shop. Caroline Beeson at NatWest worked closely with Mr Kendrick to guide him through starting up his business, including the outlet's refurbishment, purchase of stock and working capital costs for job creation.

She said: "It has been really exciting working with Shaun as he is an enthusiastic and very knowledgeable individual. I am confident with Shaun's experience in the wine industry and the increase in demand for sophisticated wines that he will do well.

"I wish him all the best as he serves the county with his knowledge and wine-tasting evenings that will help bring the community together."

KEY FIGURE: NatWest's Caroline Beeson helped realise Shaun Kendrick's dream of running his own wine merchants

Spain office joins national network

SPAIN Brothers' Sittingbourne office has joined national accountancy group UHY Hacker Young in a move that extends the latter's office network to 19 across the UK.

The change affects 20 staff including four partners: Andrew Cooper, Elizabeth Jordan, Robert Bursey, Allan Hickie. Spain Brothers' other offices in Dover, Folkestone and Canterbury continue as before.

Robert Bursey, managing partner for Sittingbourne, said: "We can trace our roots back over 150 years and this move will enable us to provide more comprehensive coverage for clients.

"We were previously unable to provide high level corporate finance or turnaround and recovery advice in-house. As part of the UHY Hacker Young group we will be able to offer these services to clients in Kent.

"Being part of the UHY Hacker Young group will enable us to pool our knowledge, particularly in complex tax cases where a second and third opinion is often useful. The UHY network of international offices will also be of great benefit to foreign companies operating in Kent and local businesses looking to expand abroad."

UHY Hacker Young chairman Howard Spencer said: "We are pleased to have gained the expertise and skills of our new Sittingbourne team. They will enhance the breadth and depth of knowledge in the group, which will help improve our level of service to clients and expand our reach into Kent."

The Sittingbourne office's clients range across owner-managed businesses, UK subsidiaries of foreign groups, pension schemes, solicitors and charities and the partners have developed expertise in diverse business sectors including construction, healthcare, retailing, manufacturing, engineering and professional practices.

FROM LEFT: Andrew Cooper, Elizabeth Jordan, Robert Bursey and Allan Hickie

WEALTH manager Brooks Macdonald Asset Management has reinforced its Tunbridge Wells team by hiring new fund manager Colin Barrett, formerly of Heartwood Wealth Management.

The firm – which operates from offices in Mount Ephraim Road, as well as branches in London, Manchester, Winchester and Edinburgh – is the specialist investment subsidiary of the AIM-listed Brooks Macdonald Group. It manages in excess of £2 billion on behalf of private, pension and charity clients. Mr Barrett becomes the fourth fund manager at Tunbridge Wells, which now has a staff of nine since it opened last year.

DEMELZA is looking for a chartered accountant with board level experience in the commercial sector to join its trustees.

The post is voluntary and trustees are required to attend board meetings, join a sub-committee, attend events and become involved with the charity. Demelza cares for more than 600 ill children and their families across Kent, East Sussex and south-east London with two hospices and a community nursing team. For more information, contact Gerry Cassell on 01795 416705 or G.Cassell@newappointmentsgroup.co.uk.

NEXT WEEK: Business Week Spotlight will focus on training, I.T. and communications

Timeline

KOS Media sport takes a look at the highlights of all the sporting action from the last 50 years

1960 **50 YEARS AGO:** The MCC announced Colin Cowdrey would captain England for the first three Test matches of the summer, after he successfully stood in for Peter May in the final Test of the tour of the Caribbean.

The Times' correspondent wrote: "In the West Indies Cowdrey proved his ability as a captain. He has wide experience and most important of all, he displays a smiling approach to cricket."

While Cowdrey was playing for an MCC side against the South Africans at Lord's, Kent were being held to a rain-affected draw by Glamorgan in Cardiff.

Kent made 316 in their first innings, but the Welsh side replied with 328 for six declared. Half centuries from Stuart Leary and Peter Jones saw Kent to 242 for six in their second innings before declaring. It set Glamorgan a victory target of 231, but after an hour the home side abandoned the chase, closing on 90 for three.

1985 **25 YEARS AGO:** The end of the ban on England cricketers who had played on the rebel tour to South Africa in 1982 was bad news for a number of Kent hopefuls.

Mark Benson, Richard Ellison and Chris Cowdrey were all ignored for the one-day series with Australia, as the selectors instead recalled Graham Gooch and Peter Willey, both of whom had just completed three-year bans – and Ian Botham, who had spent the winter in hibernation instead of touring India.

If the trio were disappointed they did not let it show at Bristol, where Kent won a 10-wicket thrash against Gloucestershire in a game reduced to 10 overs a side.

Chasing 87 for four Kent reached their target for the loss of three wickets in 9.3 overs, with Cowdrey and Benson at the crease at the close.

2000 **10 YEARS AGO:** Gillingham were preparing to return to Wembley after a dramatic play-off semi-final win against Stoke City.

Trailing 3-2 from the first leg, the Gills were boosted when Stoke had Clive Clarke sent off for a second bookable offence.

Graham Kavanagh was dismissed eight minutes into the second half, again for a second bookable offence, and within a minute Barry Ashby glanced in a Ty Gooden corner to make it 3-3 on aggregate.

Stoke held on for extra time, but Iffy Onuora finally broke their resistance when he headed in a Nicky Southall cross 12 minutes into the first added period. The game was made safe in the 118th-minute, when sub Paul Smith made it 3-0 on the night.

'Come on Kelly! One more girl...it's gold!'

AUGUST 23, 2004: In the latest in our series on Kent's greatest sporting moments, FRED ATKINS looks at the night Kelly Holmes finally struck Olympic gold

GOLDEN MOMENT: Kelly Holmes finally realises her dream of claiming Olympic gold on a heady night in Athens

"YOU won it Kelly, you've won it! Yes you've won!" Steve Cram, who knew a thing or two about winning middle-distance races, had long ago abandoned any pretence of neutrality during the Olympic 800 metres final in Athens.

Cram is just about holding it together as Holmes enters the home straight in fourth place, until it dawns on him that she actually stands a chance of gold.

"Kelly Holmes… bringing it home for Britain, can she get there? Come on Kelly! One more girl, come on Kelly Holmes… It's gold!"

In any list of the UK's greatest sporting moments, most of the choices will provoke a measure of dissent, as asking a Scotsman for his memories of 1966 will testify.

Holmes' Olympic triumph, at the age of 34, was an exceptionally rare case of story that transcends almost everything in uniting a nation in euphoria.

Tension

She might have dominated her events for a generation, but her career was blighted by injuries, which abated to give her a final shot at gold in Athens and she breezed through the heats as the fastest qualifier.

On the day of the final she tried to alleviate some of the tension by watching a DVD of Finding Nemo and she stayed calm both at the start line and during the first lap.

Holmes stayed at the back and refused to panic even when she was jostled at the bell and again on the back straight.

With 100 metres to go she swept past Russia's Tatanya Andrianova but was stuck on the shoulder of her training partner, Maria Mutola, with Hasna Benhassi and Jolanda Ceplak closing in fast.

In her autobiography, Holmes describes the closing seconds: "I didn't think about Maria or the way I was running, as I sometimes had in the past. This time I was going for the line. I told myself, 'Relax'."

What happened next remains imprinted in the memory of everyone watching. Holmes holds off, just, the chasing pack and her face bursts into joy.

Then she stops for a fleeting second, prompting a trackside photographer to echo Cram's words: "Kelly, you've won!" at which point it finally sinks in – she is an Olympic champion.

Daze

"I desperately wanted someone to hug me or pinch me," she later wrote. "I don't imagine I will ever recapture that extraordinary feeling, I was in a complete daze as I completed my lap of honour… at the medal presentation I was shaking like a leaf, but Sebastian Coe – Lord Coe – came over to give me a big hug."

For Holmes the immediate joy was tempered by doping control and the ice bath she needed, knowing she was running a 1500m heat the following day.

Back in Hildenborough her mother, who was unable to travel to Athens because she didn't have a passport, celebrated for her and awoke the next day to find a scrum of reporters outside her house as she went to walk her dogs.

Holmes was later feted in Tonbridge by an open-top bus parade and the kind of crowd a visiting president or pope would struggle to draw, yet without that first gold she might merely have been a retired, top-class athlete wondering what might have been had she avoided injury.

That night in Athens and her subsequent triumph in the 1500m five days later catapulted her to another level: Dame, heroine, role model and unquestionably the biggest sports star Kent has ever had.

Cricket at the St Lawrence Ground

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Bridger raring to go after repairs

AFTER a start to the season plagued by mechanical problems, Jay Bridger hopes to kick start his British Formula 3 campaign at France's Magny Cours circuit this weekend.

The 22-year-old has endured a difficult start to the year, with just one points finish from the six races this season.

Bridger hopes his problems are now in the past after discovering and rectifying a cracked chassis, which has hampered performance.

The Horsmonden driver's Litespeed team uncovered the problem with the car following a hugely disappointing showing, in the last round at Silverstone three weeks ago.

The team have since travelled to Italy to buy replacement parts and Bridger is convinced his repaired car can help him reignite his season.

He said: "It's been really frustrating this season. We started off well but at the last round we felt something wasn't right, the car didn't feel comfortable and we were four seconds off the pace. Now the problem with the car is fixed we should be competitive again.

"Racing on tracks like Magny Cours in France levels the playing field a bit as we don't race there very often. It should give us a great chance for a good result."

Picture: BRITISH F3

FIXED: Jay Bridger says recent mechanical repairs made to his car will make him more competitive at Magny Cours

Cometh the Van

Young Namibian set to light up league

By STEVE TERVET

THIS summer, the Kent Cricket League is set to be illuminated by one of the game's rising international stars in the form of Namibian batsman Ray van Schoor.

Aged 19, van Schoor is already an established member of the national side, making his debut three years ago, and he is now set to showcase his talents on the Kent scene with Addington Village.

Brought to Addington to open the batting and keep wicket for the 2010 season, van Schoor is just one of a number of overseas players coaching west Kent schoolchildren this summer.

Participation

Maintaining his fitness with morning gym sessions, van Schoor spends his afternoons at schools in the Sevenoaks area as part of a drive to increase sports participation among youngsters.

Despite enjoying his new surroundings, he admitted his plan to play in England had not originally focused on the South East.

He said: "Last year, some over-40 clubs came over to play in Namibia. They were practicing and I met one guy, Barry Aitken, so I told him I wanted to go to Manchester and play for Bury. However, things didn't go according to plan and he set me up with Addington, so I came over here."

Manchester's loss is certainly Kent's gain, as van Schoor has already begun to make a name for himself on the international scene. Last month he hit 157 and shared a partnership of 374 runs with Ewaid Steenkamp in Namibia's win against Bermuda in the ICC Intercontinental Shield – a competition which resumes in September.

Van Schoor, whose only experience of England before this summer was a 12-hour stop-over at Gatwick Airport, will jet directly to Uganda for a match which will determine the group winners.

His father, Melt, also represented his country and van Schoor admitted his heart was always set on emulating his achievements.

"My father's my role model," he said. "We've played club cricket together, so I wanted to follow in his footsteps. I first picked up a bat when I was five and started playing club cricket aged seven.

"I was honoured [to be selected for Namibia], but the nerves were still climbing high when I played my first game. I've moved up from batting 11 to open and keep wicket and my cricket's really improved since I've been in the national set-up.

"The aim with Addington is to win the league and go to the next division. It's really nice to be here – just too cold when the wind's blowing."

Van Schoor's first Addington innings ended prematurely as he made just four, but the early Division Three pace-setters know there is much more to come from their latest overseas acquisition.

HOT PROSPECT: Ray van Schoor of Namibia

GROUND WATCH

Nomadic Tonbridge finally feel at home

THE Poplar Meadow clubhouse may not be the most picturesque but survival is the name of the game for Tonbridge Cricket Club following their traumatic recent history, ***writes Steve Tervet.***

Substance has most definitely been prioritised over style at the Welland Road ground, after the previous structure was destroyed by fire in 2002.

While the fire came as a huge blow, groundsman Mike Wicks told how the club refused to die.

"We had to rebuild," he said. "We spent about three years living in tents because the shell was there but it wasn't useable. We had no real toilet facilities but we fought our way through. We rebuilt it in this fashion because it's fireproof at least. It doesn't look very good but it won't burn down."

With no security to speak of around the site, shutters come down to seal the front of the clubhouse and the club is unable to protect the pitch with covers, for fear they will be stolen.

Tonbridge have lived a nomadic existence ever since their Angel Ground was requisitioned by the army during World War Two.

After forging an arrangement with Tonbridge School, the cricket club played on the Bath Field at Swanmead until 1985, before moving to Poplar Meadow and initially living out of temporary huts.

Wicks admitted Tonbridge may never be a big power in the area but insists the ground is evolving from a venue into a home.

He said: "Tonbridge has always been in the shadow of Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks Vine and Holmesdale – we've never been on the same level as they have. However, we've been here 25 years now and the players like it here."

Captain's log

Stuart Brown

Holmesdale

STUART Brown is now in his third season at Division Two Holmesdale after pitting his wits against some of Australia's finest players during his cricketing education.

Having scored 900 runs last year at an average of 47.37, he now faces a challenging season as Holmesdale look to overcome injury worries and preserve their status in Kent cricket's third tier.

How long have you been captain?
This is my first season.

Who's the best player you've played with?
Darren Dempsey, who played for North Melbourne and South Australia.

And against?
Brad Hodge – he's a lot like Ricky Ponting because he plays shots all round the ground and once he gets going, it's very difficult to stop him. I've also played against Peter Siddle and Dirk Nannes.

If you could add any player from world cricket to your team, who would it be?
We're a little short in the bowling department so maybe someone like Mitchell Johnson.

Which captain do you most look up to?
Mark Taylor was a great captain, but then he had a great team. He focused on tactics and how to make things tough for the opposition. Steve Waugh took a stern stance and expected the best from his players.

What's the best thing about being captain?
You get to control things in the field. Sometimes, as a player, the opposition get away from you and you can feel helpless but as captain you can change things.

And the worst?
Trying to keep everyone happy. Things are fine when you're winning but when you make decisions that don't go your way and you end up losing, people are unimpressed.

What's your favourite ground to play at?
Either the Nevill in Tunbridge Wells or HSBC's New Beckenham ground.

KP switch-hit or Vaughan cover drive?
Cover drive.

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Sponsor to aid Reeves' Isle of Man TT return

MULTIPLE world sidecar champion Tim Reeves will compete in the Isle of Man TT next month after securing the sponsorship required to do battle in the notorious road race.

The sidecar veteran from Tenterden admitted last month his chances of competing at the famous road race were slim after one of his major sponsors withdrew. But increased support from existing sponsors Double M Racing and Haiths has booked his place on the start line.

Reeves is a three-time world champion but has never won the prestigious event on the epic 37.7-mile Manx road course. The closest he has come to reaching the top step of the podium was a third place finish on his debut in 2008.

Now armed with the necessary backing to challenge for victory the 38-year old, making his third visit to the island, immediately becomes one of the favourites for this year's race.

Reeves said: "We had a few problems with sponsorship early on but thankfully that is all behind us now and we are now getting ready for the TT.

"I was really unsure if it was going to happen this year but they've pulled me out the mire and I'm now fully focused on getting the F2 bike ready in time and repaying them with the best result I possibly can.

"A win is what I want more than anything else, so that's exactly what I'll be aiming to achieve."

With only a week before the event, Reeves has had to find a replacement passenger, as former TT winner Dan Sayle pulled out of the event due to personal reasons. Luckily experienced TT passenger Dipash Chauhan has stepped in as a last minute replacement.

Free practice on the island starts next Saturday, with the first of Reeves' two sidecar races the following Saturday (June 5).

Wanted Phillips puts Wells first

Midfielder snubs Kent League clubs' offers

By STEVE TERVET

MONEY clearly does not talk for every player after Sam Phillips turned down the advances of several big-spending Kent League clubs to remain at Tunbridge Wells.

The midfielder was impressive throughout the 2009/10 campaign and was named the manager's player of the year by Martin Larkin, who said he was delighted by Phillips' decision.

With none of the Wells players under contract for next season, but Larkin knows his players' phones will continue to ring as the richest clubs attempt to assemble title-winning squads.

Improved

He said: "Sam's had a few phone calls; he was approached by a number of top-half Kent League clubs but he's happy to stay. We put a lot of trust in him at the start of the year and he's improved week in, week out – in him and Andy McMath, we've got two very good central midfield players.

"I thought there would be quite a few clubs speaking to Sam. It's not a nice time because I'm trying to keep hold of them all so I'm constantly on the phone making sure they've got what they want. All the guys are happy to stay but if Ryman clubs come in, that's different."

Among those on Larkin's wish-list is Faversham Town's Richard Sinden, with the striker reportedly reluctant to make the step up to the Ryman League with the Lilywhites.

The manager knows he faces a battle for Sinden's signature, though, with several clubs prepared to pay hefty wages in order to challenge for promotion next term.

"Players of Richard's calibre will be wanted by a number of clubs and there are several clubs who are paying very well," said Larkin. "He's one of the highest quality players in our league but I haven't spoken to him yet.

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

Picture: IGOR KUPCO

LOYALTY: Sam Phillips (left) has turned down offers to leave Tunbridge Wells, while their bid to sign Faversham striker Richard Sinden (above) is proving tough

"We're talking to players as we go along but people are holding off to see if they can secure cash for next year. We're waiting for the right people and it puts you off when people are talking about money."

Having initially expressed his desire to do any transfer business by the end of June, Larkin now accepts he may have to wait until the back-end of pre-season before announcing any additions.

Goalkeeper Michal Czanner has been having one-on-one training sessions with coach Greg Thurstans but the rest of Larkin's squad will not reconvene until pre-season.

Pembury pull out of league

PEMBURY have announced they have withdrawn from the Kent County League and have applied to field two sides in the Tonbridge & District League next season.

Earlier in the season, with the first team languishing at the bottom of the Division Two East table, the club's committee recommended withdrawal from the league in a bid to reduce travelling time and costs.

The club will now join the Tonbridge & District League, pending confirmation at the league's AGM.

Although Pembury lifted themselves off the bottom of the table with a 5-1 win over Lydd a fortnight ago, their first win of the season, they ended their campaign with 2-1 and 4-2 defeats to Platt and AFC Sevenoaks respectively, after which manager Michael Brown resigned. The latter result confirmed AFC Sevenoaks as the division's runners-up.

Tenterden Town's last chance to avoid going the entire season without a win disappeared last Saturday, when they drew 1-1 with Swale, John Briggs scoring their only goal.

Hawkenbury ended their campaign with a 4-2 defeat at home to Platt, a result that saw Platt jump over them in the final table, leaving Hawkenbury 10th.

DONATION: Funds for coaching will help Kings Hill Tennis Academy youngsters improve

Funding boost to coaching for tennis hopefuls

WEST Kent's prospects of producing a tennis star of the future have increased with a cash donation to a club specialising in training youngsters.

Kings Hill developer Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd is sponsoring the David Lloyd Kings Hill Tennis Academy to the tune of £3,000.

The Kings Hill Tennis Academy, launched last winter, aims to provide regular coaching for children between the ages of four and 14.

Shane Theobald, who runs the academy with Lee Friend, said: "Liberty Property Trust's sponsorship will allow us to offer a greater number of coaching hours to the children and enable them to reach their full potential.

"Rather than working just once a week with the children, they will be able to progress faster with more training sessions."

Liberty Property Trust UK managing director Andrew Blevins, who made the cheque presentation, said: "As part of the Kings Hill community we are delighted to help and support whenever we can."

SPEED key to Brands victory

TUNBRIDGE Wells sports car team Jota Sport are aiming to impress in the latest round of the SPEED series at Brands Hatch this weekend.

The SPEED series will support the MotorSport Vision GT Trophy meeting, which will see Ferraris, Aston Martins and Porsches do battle at the famous 2.3-mile Grand Prix circuit.

Tomorrow the circuit will host a Le Mans-style three hour endurance race, with Jota among the hopefuls. Their driver pairing of Sam Hancock and Simon Dolan lie are fourth in the championship after the opening two races at Silverstone last month and are hoping to strengthen their title bid on home soil.

Hancock said: "We've had a good start to the season. To get a win in the second race at Silverstone was a great result, but we have to make up some ground at Brands Hatch after a retirement in race one.

FAST TRACK: Jota sport are aiming for Brands victory

Picture: SPEED

"To be racing these cars on the Grand Prix circuit is a really exciting combination. We may have won a race this season but we will not be complacent, as we are up against a number of talented drivers."

Also in action is West Kingsdown saloon car racer Rod Birley, who intends to move into the lead of the Dunlop Motorsport News Saloon Car Championship.

The experienced multiple saloon car champion lies third in the championship heading into the races on Sunday. After recording his 500th career win at his home circuit last year, he will not be short of circuit knowledge to use to his advantage.

Club season off to slow start

Coach in call to pick up pace

By TONY HUDD

TONBRIDGE AC coach Richard Owen issued a stark warning ahead of today's Southern Women's Track and Field League match at Guildford.

After watching his newly-promoted side finish bottom on their Premier Division debut at Ipswich last month, he said: "Unless we improve on that performance then the writing will be on the wall for us."

Defeat left Tonbridge second from bottom in 15th place overall, 14 points better off than South London Harriers, who are among today's opposition in Surrey.

The team have enjoyed a rapid rise up the pyramid, surging from Division Two to Division One and then up to the Premier. The club was given the option to decline but Owen accepted the promotion and has no regrets, though he concedes the club face a big challenge in retaining Premier status.

He said: "What happened at Ipswich was a reality check for all of us because we had been so dominant last year.

"Ipswich were promoted to the Premier with us last season and we found their senior athletes very strong. We didn't field our strongest side that day but I learned a great deal, so I know what needs to be done. We shall certainly be a lot stronger at Guildford.

"The club's main objective is to remain in the Premier but we don't have time for a long learning curve. The problem is that we've lost a lot of our established under-20 athletes who provided us with a great deal. Hopefully, they will return to the club in the not too distant future."

In addition to South London Harriers, also providing the opposition at Guildford will be eighth placed Stevenage and North Herts and Havant, who are 13th.

LAST PLACE: Tonbridge AC are second bottom after their Premier Division debut

Picture: ADY KERRY

Sailing excitement at Feva pitch

BOUGH Beech Sailing Club is the venue for today's leg of the RS Feva South East regional circuit as the summer sailing season starts to come into full swing.

The first of four 45-minute races gets under way at 11am with up to 20 teenagers expected out on the water for the second event of the series, following the Papercourt Open on March 27.

With a strong RS Feva fleet of their own, Bough Beech will be well-represented not only at today's event but the RS Feva World Championship in France at the end of July.

BACK UP: Bough Beach

Picture: PETER CHINNOCK

Last weekend saw Bewl Valley Sailing Club hold their annual club championships, with Dave Griffiths and Paul Adams walking away with the top prize after winning two of the three championship races.

Griffiths and Adams, in their RS400, finished ahead of Adam Page and Mark Munday in the day's first race while Tim and Helen Yates, also sailing an RS400, took race one of the all-comers trophy.

Nick Marden, who finished second in that race, came through to pick up the overall all-comers title after three races, while Griffiths and Adams returned to win the day's final race and etch their names on the club championship trophy.

WEST KENT CRICKET PREVIEW

BY FRED ATKINS AND STEVE TERVET

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER

SEVENOAKS Vine take on Bexley this afternoon nurturing a sense of injustice after they were narrowly beaten at Hartley last week.

Skipper Alex Rayner decided to bat on a relatively flat wicket and the decision looked sensible as openers John Bowden and Chris Hammond put on 69 in the first 10 overs.

However, Bowden was caught on the boundary for 37 and his dismissal sparked a mini-collapse to 79 for four, though the visitors were unhappy with the decisions that removed Hammond for 33 and Lorne Burns for just two.

There was a partial recovery as Ant Shales and Rayner put on 56 for the next wicket, but when the latter holed out to mid-off for 35 and Rob Hemingway perished for a duck to a superb diving catch by David Thompson, the Vine were back in trouble on 136 for six.

The tail wagged slightly, with the visitors eventually bowled out for 179 in the 54th over, but their frustration was compounded when opening bowlers Jamie Day and Tim Shaw repeatedly passed the bat without success.

Shaw then dropped Min Patel at fine-leg, putting down a chance that by his own admission a nine-year-old could have caught, but Day produced four wickets to drag the Vine back into the game at 73 for four.

With Nelson on the board Charlie Hemphrey was run out and when Scott McKechnie was bowled by Rayner, Hartley were wobbling on 123 for six, only for Patrick Underwood and Derek Redwood to steer them home in 45 overs.

Bexley pulled off a shock two-wicket win over champions Bromley last week.

DIVISION TWO

TENTERDEN will look to maintain their 100 per cent record this afternoon as they take on a Broadstairs side who have also started the season strongly.

Andrew Crawford hit 103 in Tenterden's 55-run win over HSBC a week ago, while Nick Daynes chipped in with 36 from 27 balls to help the visitors reach 211 from their 50 overs.

HSBC never looked like reaching their victory target but it took until the final over for Tenterden to take the last wicket, James Rand finishing with figures of 4 for 32.

Holmesdale and High Halstow start their game separated by a solitary point and both will be keen to bounce back from heavy defeats last Saturday.

Halstow lost to Dartford by 84 runs and Holmesdale, who set Broadstairs just 122 to win, failed to take a single wicket as the Thanet side raced to victory inside 20 overs.

DIVISION THREE

BAD light meant Linden Park had to withdraw their fast bowlers from the attack in the closing stages of last Saturday's drawn game with Downham & Bellingham.

Captain John Harvey was left to rue the umpire's ruling but remained philosophical, having collected 13 points for a winning draw – five more than if the game had not been completed at all.

Linden Park, who fell two wickets short of the win, go to Upchurch today for a game Harvey knows will be another tough test in an increasingly tight division.

He said: "Downham were one of the sides I expected us to beat and we couldn't. The quality in this division is very high – most of the teams could compete two divisions higher and no-one is going to run away with it."

Stuart Clarke top-scored in Linden Park's total of 230 for eight before paceman Ben Entacott picked up three for 47 as the visitors closed on 216 for eight.

PREMIER DIVISION

(P = played, W = won, WD = winning draw, Bat P = batting points, Bow P = bowling points, PTS = total points)

	P	W	WD	Bat P	Bow P	PTS
Tunbridge Wells	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**28**
Hartley Country Club	2	1	0	0	0	24
Bexley	2	1	0	0	0	24
St Lawrence	2	0	1	4	3	21
The Mote	2	0	1	4	2	20
Lordswood	2	0	0	4	2	14
Gore Court	2	0	0	3	3	14
Bromley	2	0	0	2	3	13
Sevenoaks Vine	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**12**
Bickley Park	2	0	0	0	2	10

DIVISION TWO

Tenterden	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**36**
Dartford	2	1	0	0	1	26
Broadstairs	2	1	0	2	3	26
Catford and Cyphers	2	1	0	0	4	24
Holmesdale	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**16**
Orpington	2	0	0	5	6	16
HSBC	2	0	0	6	5	16
High Halstow	2	0	0	3	4	15
Hayes	2	0	1	5	4	15
Minster	2	0	0	0	4	12

DIVISION THREE

Addington Village	2	1	0	0	0	28
Upchurch	2	1	0	0	0	24
Catford Wanderers	2	1	0	0	0	24
Bromley Common	2	0	1	4	4	22
Linden Park	**2**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**3**	**21**
Downham & B'ham	2	0	0	4	3	15
Old Elthamians	2	0	0	4	2	14
Gravesend	2	0	0	4	2	14
Chestfield	2	0	0	4	2	14
Old Colfeians	2	0	0	1	3	12

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	WD	Bonus Pts	Pts
Dartfordians	3	3	0	15	60
Cowdrey	**2**	**2**	**0**	**8**	**38**
R A C S	3	1	2	22	37
Tunbridge Wells 3s	**3**	**0**	**2**	**20**	**30**
Bobbing Court & LH	2	1	0	4	29
Nonington	2	1	1	14	29
Bexley	2	1	1	12	27
Old Brockleians	3	0	1	3	23
Westgate-On-Sea	2	0	1	8	18
Belvedere	2	0	1	4	14

CHAMPIONSHIP EAST

Old Williamsonians	3	1	0	5	40
Mersham Sports	2	2	0	9	39
Yalding	2	1	1	16	31
Sandwich Town	2	1	0	5	30
Frindsbury	2	1	0	4	29
Tonbridge	**2**	**1**	**1**	**9**	**24**
Wye	2	1	1	9	24
Blue Bell Hill	2	0	2	20	20
Littlebourne	3	0	2	7	17
The Mote	2	0	1	3	13

CHAMPIONSHIP WEST

Blackheath Wanderers	3	3	0	15	60
Locksbottom	3	1	1	10	35
Wilmington	2	1	0	5	30
Blackheath	2	1	0	5	30
Shooters Hill	2	1	0	4	29
Pembury	**2**	**1**	**1**	**6**	**21**
Dartford	2	0	2	20	20
Bromley	2	0	1	5	15
Bexley Park	2	0	1	2	12
RASRA Eagles	2	0	2	10	10

DIVISION 1B WEST

Old Gravesendians	3	2	0	10	50
GHS Dartford	3	1	1	18	43
New Ifield	2	2	0	9	39
Petts Wood	2	1	0	5	30
Gravesend	2	1	1	8	23
Nurstead	2	0	1	10	20
Wrotham	**2**	**0**	**1**	**8**	**18**
Bexleyheath	2	0	1	4	14
Old Elthamians	2	0	1	4	14
Swans' & Greenhithe	2	0	1	4	14

TODAY'S LEAGUE FIXTURES

(All games start at 1.30pm unless otherwise stated)

PREMIER DIVISION (noon start): **Sevenoaks Vine** v Bexley; **Tunbridge Wells** v Hartley Country Club

DIVISION TWO (1.15pm start): **Holmesdale** v High Halstow; **Tenterden** v Broadstairs

DIVISION THREE (1.15pm start): Upchurch v **Linden Park**

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Bobbing Court & Lower Halstow v **Cowdrey**

CHAMPIONSHIP EAST: Tonbridge v Frindsbury

CHAMPIONSHIP WEST: **Pembury** v Wilmington

DIVISION 1B WEST: Wrotham (St George's) v Swanscombe & Greenhithe

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE

COWDREY can make it three wins from three games this afternoon as they travel to Bobbing Court & Lower Halstow in the Premier Division.

Gayashan Munasinghe took three for 28 last Saturday as Phil Sullivan's side ran out victors by four wickets against Nonington.

Two sides in Championship East mid-table meet at Poplar Meadow as Tonbridge host Frindsbury while in Championship West, Pembury entertain Wilmington hoping to respond positively after their 97-run defeat at the hands of Blackheath Wanderers.

Wrotham (St George's) are still looking for their first win of the season in 1B West ahead of this afternoon's home game against Swanscombe & Greenhithe.

Picture: ADY KERRY

RETURN: Kent spinner James Tredwell

Treddy back for struggling Spitfires

JAMES Tredwell will come straight into the Kent team taking on Scotland this afternoon after missing eight games while on duty with the victorious England Twenty20 side.

The 28-year-old spinner was an unused squad member in the Caribbean, watching on as Paul Collingwood's side clinched England's first global one-day trophy.

Paul Farbrace, Kent's head coach, is delighted to have his first-choice spinner available again.

He said: "He's made himself into a very steady performer in county cricket. He's scored valuable runs, bowled really well and is a brilliant slip catcher. He's also got a good cricket brain and we've definitely missed him."

Matt Coles is available after being rested in this week's LV= County Championship game with Durham, while Darren Stevens is due to return after missing the game due to a family bereavement. James Hockley is definitely out after tearing a hamstring in the field against Essex last week, which will keep him on the sidelines for a month.

The Spitfires have struggled to get their Clydesdale Bank 40 campaign off the ground so far, with two defeats and the other two games abandoned due to the weather.

With eight more games still to play there is still time to challenge for a place in the semi-finals. Farbrace knows the Saltires offer a good chance to get a win on the board, but after Kent were beaten by nine wickets on their last trip to Edinburgh a year ago he will not be taking anything for granted.

"We will go there confident because we should be a better team than them and we should beat them, but you just never know in this game and to be fair Scotland did beat Kent in this competition last year," he said.

• To read Tredwell's thoughts on his time in the Caribbean as part of the England squad see tomorrow's edition of this newspaper.

Scottish Saltires v Kent Spitfires

PLAY STARTS AT 1.45PM AT CITYLETS GRANGE

A WEB OF INTRIGUE AS WELLS SIGN KIWI

Experienced overseas spinner ends up at club after chance viewing of record on internet

By **FRED ATKINS**

TUNBRIDGE Wells have unveiled Leighton Morgan as their new overseas player for the 2010 season, after the club were alerted to him by a chance discovery on their website.

The 29-year-old New Zealander replaces Geoffrey Paulsen, who was forced to abandon plans to play for the Wells this summer due to business commitments in his native Australia.

Morgan, a right-handed batsman but a left-arm spinner, has played first-class cricket in New Zealand for Wellington and has previous experience of club cricket in England in both the Kent and Yorkshire leagues.

Wells club secretary Alan Cutts said he first became aware of Morgan when he was updating the club's internet archive.

"It was sort of a coincidence," he explained. "I was looking through the records for 2001 when there he was, scoring 121 for Folkestone against us."

When it became clear Paulsen was not going to be available, club officials moved quickly to secure Morgan's signature.

He averages a respectable 28 in first-class cricket in New Zealand, having made seven half-centuries, with a highest score of 81.

Ash clouds permitting, Morgan should arrive in the UK in time to make his Wells debut at home to Hartley today.

After two weeks of the season, the Wells find themselves top of the Kent League Premier Division table, after an unexpectedly easy 70-run win over Bickley Park last week.

They recovered from 39 for three thanks to a 107-run partnership between Alex Williams (60) and returning skipper Mark Smith (72), eventually posting 213 for six from 55 overs.

Just how good a score that was on a tricky wicket was illustrated when Bickley collapsed to 61 for six, as Chris Lawrence (two for 22) and Christopher Rainger (two for 21) made early inroads.

Despite a brave stand by Chris Coulson, who was unbeaten on 54, the bowlers were in complete control and Smith mopped up the tail with three for 40.

On Sunday the Wells beat Dulwich on run rate in the first round of the ECB Cup. Stand-in skipper Richard Cutts put Dulwich in to bat on another difficult-looking wicket and was vindicated as his bowlers dismissed the home side for 167.

Knowing the game was likely to be curtailed by rain, the visitors tried to score as quickly as possible in their reply.

Evert Bekker's unbeaten 53 from 88 balls helped the visitors to 113 for two when play was abandoned, enough to see them through to the next round.

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RIGHT DECISION: Tunbridge Wells skipper Richard Cutts' decision to put Dulwich into bat paid off as his bowlers finished them off for just 167 runs

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